

May - 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Father -

We're having a very difficult time getting our Bakery paid daily - And we can't operate our leas successfully without it -

If you have a spare minute would you ask our Blessed Mother to help us -

Edward is doing fine - He's working long hours - But our finances are a little healthier and Ed is in wonderful spirits - He knows exactly what he wants and where he's going - That a sign of indecision as before -

We think of you often and are ever grateful for your prayers.

May God Bless you

Sincerely

Suzon Kerze

125 - 44<sup>th</sup> Newport Beach, Calif



Jesus and Mary,  
I love you,  
save souls.

Reverendo Padre Allecunia,

Le envío dos dollars para  
Misas perpetuas a nombre de mi hija  
Carmen, de diez y ocho años de edad.  
Esta hija la he criado yo tan cató-  
lica, pero de la noche a la mañana  
abandonó la fe y no hay nadie  
quien la devuelva a Misa y los  
Sacramentos. La han hablado  
muchas buenas personas, y sacer-  
dotes han venido a casa a pre-  
guntarla el porqué ha dejado la  
Santa Misa. Les responde a todos  
que esto es negocio suyo y no tiene  
que darle cuentas a nadie de ello.

He llorado tanto que mis lágrimas  
llenarían un vaso. Voy a Misa y a  
comulgar diariamente por su retorno. Pienso  
que las Misas perpetuas Claretianas serán  
las que la devuelvan a Dios. Se la  
encomiendo mucho Padre en sus oraciones.

Muchas gracias, que la Virgen  
bendiga su labor misional.

Affma. y s. v. Luisa Dell



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May 26, 1955

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Claretian Missionaries  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father:

I have your letter of May 4, and I received the Crucifix from Mrs. White. Thank you very kindly.

I am enclosing herewith my check in the sum of \$25. I would like to have you buy yourself a nice present, or take yourself out to one of those good California dinners some night. I'm sorry we can't be there to join you, but probably the next time we are in California we can work something out.

I am getting along pretty well, but slowly. I will keep you informed.

Best regards and thanks many times.

Yours very truly,

*Bill*

WHF:cd



Most Rev. Jerome M. Fernandez

BISHOP OF QUILON

J. M. J.  
Ave Maria

C/o St. John's Church  
210 W. 31st, N.Y.C.

(Bishop's House

Quilon, S. India)

Omaha, Nebraska,

May 30, 1955.

My dear My Rev. Father Bossi,

Thanks ever so very much for  
your gracious letter and for the check of the  
North American Airlines for \$10.99. As I wrote  
you earlier, it was all happy mistake. God be  
praised and Our Blessed Mother.

I am now in Omaha and am leaving  
tomorrow for Des Moines. I am still far  
away from New York. Please pray.

With renewed thanks for all your  
kindness & sweet hospitality, and  
assuring you all of my prayers, I am

Yours in Christ Mary

+ Ave Maria

Bishop of Quilon.



2116 N. Frederic St.  
Burbank, Calif.  
May 31, 1955

Dear Teacher Aloysius:-

I am enclosing two small notes in the Mass League and four - one dollar bills for the memberships. You may send the certificates to me if you wish, or to Mrs Mary Grant who gave them to me. It is for her and her husband.

Mary Grant, Edith Herrick, and Olive Swissar were here this eve. for our black Rosary. Mrs Swissar understands that she is to give the money for the Teacher's Day cards to me. And that I am to deposit it in the Maternal Heart of Mary account. Is that correct? I was under the impression it was to be sent to you. Along with the list of names the novena masses were to be said for.

She also asked me to ask you just when you must have the list of names (the latest day) so that she can be sure you receive them in time. So would you drop me a line and tell me you wish in this? We get the rest of the cards from Stephanie and will try to dispose of all of them. There were many empty envelopes, however.

Everyone we have contacted are very pleased with them and think they are beautiful.

I'll give you my phone number in case you ever need to phone me about this or guild affairs. It is Thornwall 8-3087

Sincerely in the Maternal Heart

Mrs I la B. Rutten



Pasadena Calif.

May 31, 1955

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellucius:-  
C. M. F.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Mrs Mc Donough called me a few days ago and said she had received a letter from you asking my sons address. My son who is Dick Garrison was operated on May 12 for cancer of the bone had to have his leg amputated about 12" above the knee. She said you had very graciously had said a Mass for his recovery.

Sister Mary Al Freda at St Luke's hospital while my son



was in surgery Sister gave  
me her last prayer to St  
Anthony Mary Cloet for the  
cure of cancer. Also the first  
class Relic in a case you  
had given Sister Mary St John.  
I blessed my son with it and  
gave it back to Sister (she wanted  
me to pin it on his Gown but  
I was too afraid nurses would  
not take it off when they changed  
it) and she blessed him with  
it again. We have been saying  
the prayer and going to Holy  
Communion every day since.  
I know that St Anthony Mary Cloet,  
and all the prayers that people are  
saying for him I know that God  
is going to cure him of cancer.  
The Dr's give us 75% cure which  
they rate very high. But we  
must still continue to pray



that God will take care of him.

We must put our intention in the hands of Our Blessed Saviour and if it is the Holy Will of God he will grant our petition.

We must always accept whatever God sends us, God sees the future we do not, but we must resign ourselves to the Holy Will of God and pray for his recovery. It is hard but our Faith in God gives us courage and strength to do his Holy Will.

The Dr's are so pleased how he is recovering, how beautifully his leg is healing.



and ~~know~~ it is through everyone's prayers and God's Will. Richard will graduate if everything goes well on the 16th of June. Dr. said he could go in a wheel chair.

Richard also was President of Chi Ro Club (young People) of Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Pasadena.

Orange Grove and Sierra Madre Rev. Father Timothy Cason is our Pastor. Rev. Father Clark is our assistant who works with Chi Ro Club.

Rev. Father Clark was so wonderful to us day of Surgery he stayed with us all day, we spent most of the day in the Sisters beautiful Chapel asking our Dear Lord.



to save his life.

My son Richard has always  
had a great devotion to our  
Blessed Mother, he has  
often told me that he will  
never forget his 1st grade  
teacher (Sister) when she was  
teaching them their prayers.  
He said Mother if you have  
great devotion to our Blessed  
Mother she will always take  
care of you. And I am sure  
she is doing just that now.  
This was all so sudden.

Rev. Father he complained of his  
knee last of March so I had  
him go to our Family Dr. and  
he immediately took Roy  
well it got a little better they  
gave him 2 Cordson shots  
it seem to relief pain



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but then about week before  
the operation there was  
a bump come on inside  
of his knee that is what  
they were alarmed at.

and I am surely and dear  
Lord send that for a  
morning to let us know.  
I feel sure that we did all  
we could because we had  
some of the finest surgeons.  
Dr. Forsquist took over from  
Dr. Persell who ~~is our~~ family  
Dr. through the knowledge  
God has given him <sup>Dr. Forsquist</sup> the first  
time he had seen Richard  
he thought that is what  
it was. My husband was home  
in bed with flu. Dr. had  
come to give him shot



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for the Flu so he wasn't  
able to get <sup>out</sup> of bed  
So when Dr Norquist told me  
I ~~should~~ <sup>was</sup> go to the hospital everything  
in his hands. He had Dr  
Risser, Manning, a Dr Graham  
here from New York. Then Dr  
Norquist had all ready called  
Dr. Mac Donald the Cancer  
Specialist and they decided  
to amputate his leg. Well because  
it had to be done we didn't  
tell him till after surgery.

So our dear Rev. Father Clark  
told him on Friday May 13,  
when he was coming out of  
surgery. Father presented it  
like a tree. My Husband  
works in a nursery my son



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help out on weak ends.  
So Father said Dick you and  
your father work in a nursery  
he said yes they grow strong  
and sturdy trees sometimes  
they become diseased, so  
they have to brake off some  
of the branches. So yesterday  
you laid between life & death  
so in order to save your  
life they had to (both come  
up with the same answer)  
take your leg. He brake down  
and cried a little then Father  
said Dick I know with your  
Faith in God you got what  
it takes the courage  
and strength to over come this.  
You could see it come from



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all over his body. He said  
-yes Father I have with  
the grace of our Blessed Mother  
I have all the courage  
it takes. He has never  
been down, his moral is  
High he is just waiting  
till he gets his artificial  
leg, they can do wonders these  
days. He is so cheerful  
and bears his pain for different  
intentions.

So I know with your prayers  
and blessings he is going  
to be cured if it is God's Will.  
The operation will be 3 weeks  
June 2. He came home Friday  
morning May 27 he was so  
thrilled he has a lot of friends



They all come and say  
hello to keep up his spirit  
~~I don't~~ I know just how long it will  
be when we can come over  
to get your blessing because  
it will be quite a ride.  
But we will ask Dr Mosquist  
and I can write you a note.  
Now Father about obtaining  
more prayers of St Anthony  
Mary Cloet, I promised Sister  
I would get some for her.  
So I would like 50 for myself  
and 50 for Sister al Freda and  
Sister Mary St John.  
I am enclosing \$5 if that  
doesn't cover them send me  
a letter I'll be glad to make up  
the difference. Many thanks



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for all your kindness to  
me and ~~my~~ dear son  
Richard. He is just 17 1/2 yrs  
old but we have so much  
to be thankful that Dr's were  
able to save his life.

Remember him in your  
prayers dear Father

many thanks for all your  
kindness may

God bless you.

We also  
have another

boy

Gary

age 13

7th Grade

Our Lady

Assumption  
School

Sincerely,

Mrs George Garrison

2716 Matara St

Pasadena 8 Calif.

Sy 3-0740



June 3- 1955

Dear Father Alajous,

A friend told me to write to you for help, as you had helped her so much.

I married a Methodist who it seems to dislike all Catholics and does what the Church stands for. I detected none of this while we were engaged. We were married at the Old Mission at Santa Barbara and he signed all necessary papers.

We have a daughter 29 and a son 26. who is married to a Protestant girl. Our daughter is not married. When our son was 14 my husband took him out of the Catholic Church also tried to take our daughter out, but she refused as she was 18 years of age.

My husband and I were married on Jan<sup>y</sup> 4-1922. He is in the East on vacation now and when he left, he said when he returns he wants a separation or divorce. This hurt me terribly and in spite of all our differences I love him, and



want to keep our home together.

It is for this reason I am

writing you. Father please pray for him  
and me both that God will give us the  
grace to love and understand each other  
to the end. I will do all in my power  
to be a still better wife and person.

I hope God will hear me.  
I pray constantly to St Jude, also and hope  
I will be heard. as I am desperately  
worried and afraid.

I am sending a small donation.  
Will you please say a Mass in honor of  
St Jude. Thank you Father and  
please don't forget me.

Sincerely

Mrs Norma Davis  
570 E. Birmingham Rd.  
Burbank Cal.



Burbank, Calif.  
June 7 1955

Dear Father:-

Here is another enrollment in the Perpetual Mass League. Initiating the cards to Mystical Rose guild to-night. And I hope to get a few more there - eventually.

I'm so sorry I missed talking to you yesterday. But glad that Larry was here to get your call. He was pleased, & said you keep us in your prayers. We so appreciate that Father & know that your prayers are the very nicest thing that could happen to us.

I hope I am making these slips out correctly - my name should not be in sender place. Unless I am enrolling someone myself.

I received word yesterday that Dr. J. Kelley who I enrolled (& a cancer sufferer for over a yr.) passed away last Thurs. I'm surely glad I got that off to him before he went. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree team of Sioux City came up to his town & initiated him into 4<sup>th</sup> degree just the wk before. Wasn't that nice?

God bless you always

Sincerely in the Maternal Heart of Mary  
Ila B. Rutter

P.S. Olive Quisenberry will get the list out to-morrow, for cards.



June 10/55

Dear Father:

I wrote you quite some time ago, but have not heard from you. I know you are very busy, but I would like to ask, Father, to bless me with the Relic of St. Anthony Clarett, as I have been ill for a long time.

Mrs. Eckman told me that Father blesses & prays for the sick.

Would it be possible for me to come and see you sometimes, whenever it would be convenient.

Perhaps, Father would like to call me instead of writing.

The telephone no. is Florida 3-6739 and reverse the charges, please.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely in Christ  
and His Blessed Mother

Mrs. Mary Pletzke

10315 - McVine  
Sunland, Cal.



J.M.J.T.

Minneapolis 9, Minn.  
June 10, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius :-

Just wanted to thank you for your kindness to me on my recent visit to your place, and also for the beautiful cards and prayers. They are being given ~~ex~~ out as the opportunity arises.

On my way back to Minneapolis I stopped at Chicago where my daughter lives. When in Chicago I invariably see Father McNamara but this time he was on vacation up in Michigan so I did not get a chance to talk with him.

As suggested by you I called Up Mrs. Williams and she invited me to attend the meeting at the Hollywood Woman's Club where Governor Lee was the principal speaker. It was a very grand and enlightening experience. I met the Governor and others and learned much. Mrs. Williams asked me to have lunch with <sup>her</sup> but when I called her she had left for a weeks engagement in San Francisco. I think their organization is doing a wonderful work for the American people who are being fooled so badly by our controlled press. It is hard to get people to understand <sup>that so much of</sup> ~~all of this that goes~~



the news appearing in our daily papers is misleading and does not state all of the facts. There are too many that follow the thinking of Mrs. Roosevelt.

I trust GOOD GOD will give you health and the grace to carry on your great work in the priesthood.

Most sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. C. Linstroth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. C. C. Linstroth



J. M. J. T.



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

June 19, 1955

Praise be to Jesus and Mary  
Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

It is not necessary to take a pen in  
hand to acquaint you with my deep gratitude,  
for it is ever present and everlasting.

I have written to Donna and sent an  
application blank to her. There is peace only



in complete surrender to our dear Lord. I feel that Donna will make a fine religious.

Regarding her mother's entrance, I would have to give it much thought. At the present moment, I would think that it would be best for Mrs. Blackman to wait until later. She is indeed a most holy and lovely lady.

And your feast day will be Thursday. I am so happy that we shall have Holy Mass for you in our little chapel. I shall feel so near you in the Consecration of the Mass. And may St. Aloysius aid me to prepare to receive my Lord and Redeemer. What could be sweeter than the Blessed Sacrament?

We shall keep your need of a new Novitiate in our prayers. I only wish that I could provide one.

Thank you, once again for your fatherly kindness of the past.  
Gratefully yours in Christ, Mother Celine







my little altar I have  
I'll be happy to send  
you an offering for  
them. I know they  
cannot be sold after  
they are blessed. But I  
would like them  
to come from you -  
all blessed - would  
please me - and also  
help the sick.  
Will father! I'll close  
for this A.M. Hoping  
I hear from you - And  
may our Blessed Mother  
guard you & your  
family -  
always -

Sincerely  
Mrs H. J. Lane  
5 High St.  
Fairfield Maine

Wednesday Maine

Dear Father Lewis!

Enclosed you'll find  
\$5.00 for a favor we  
received from St Anthony  
Claret which we were  
grateful. And I enjoy  
sending it to you -  
I have asked another  
favor also - and I hope  
St Anthony Mary Claret  
grant it to me if he  
see fit. Nevertheless it  
will be alright too.  
I won't let him down  
I'm sure.

I would like to know  
if you could send  
me some Blessed candles  
from there to Burn on



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June 20, 1955

Dear Father Aloyisius C.M.F.

My sincerest congratulations on your names day. May St Aloyisius obtain for you the best in heaven and on earth. I shall remember you in my prayers tomorrow in a very spetial manner.

Thank you for your many passed favors and many expressions of brotherly affection on your part. Let this lines cover some letters of yours which I not even answered.

Bishop Fernandez is alright.

Fraternally in C.M. as ever

*Joseph M. Puigvi*  
Joseph M. Puigvi, C.M.F.





Box 465  
Deer Lodge Mont.  
July 22, 1954

Dear Father Moysius,  
Since Sister Mary  
Hypatia's funeral ser-  
vices, I have intended  
writing you my ap-  
preciation of your  
attendance. I came  
to spend a few weeks  
with my sister in  
Deer Lodge, Montana -  
arrived Friday of last  
week and now away  
from the hurried life I  
lead during the school



year in Los Angeles, I hope to get time to take care of some of my correspondence.

My sister, Kate, lived here for many years with our one and only brother, Tom, so is quite lovely without him.

We enclose fifteen dollars: five for a High Mass for Tom Coughlin; five for a High Mass for Sister Mary Hypatia; and five as a gift for yourself.

I regret that I did not know it was you when you came into the Community Room to say the prayers before Sister Mary Hypatia was taken into the Chapel. I would liked to have had your blessing. Sr. Mary David did not realize I had not met you.

Thank you for the comfort and consolation your visits gave Sr. Mary Hypatia. I thought the epistle for June 13, the day we knew she was in her death agony, and re-occurring June 18, day she was buried, was very



appropriate;

For even now I am ready to be sacrificed and the time of my dissolution is at hand. I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. As to the rest there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, the just Judge, has not only for me but for them also who have loved His coming.

Please say a little prayer now and then for my sister, Kate, my sister, Irene, and

Evelyn.



MRS. TED EHLE  
11939 SUNSET BOULEVARD  
WEST LOS ANGELES 49, CALIFORNIA

June 24, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Ted and I thought you might be interested in knowing, that last evening we started our course of instruction with Father Moraway. We both feel that he is an excellent instructor, and that we shall enjoy our evenings with him.

We appreciate your kindness in assisting us to get started, and we both send our thanks.

Perhaps, sometime when you are next down, at St Martin of Tours, you may be able to take a few minutes to call on us. We hope so, and would be very happy to see you, Father Aloysius.

Sincerely

Cornie Ehler



J.M.J.T.

75 West Portland  
Apt. 113  
Phoenix, Arizona  
June 26, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Ten days ago I arrived in Phoenix and after two days secured a very good position. It seems the main reason I was accepted for the work was because of my training in Carmel. Monday, I begin my seven week training course which will give me the necessary foundation for Customer Relations as a Service Representative for the Company.

The reason that I have come here is because of Wayne's health. Dr. Carpenter said that if he spent his summer in L.A. he would never be well enough to enter the Major in September. I intended to return with him but because of the nature of my work I can't leave so soon after the Company has spent weeks and considerable amount of money training me. At least it will be a place for Wayne to come if ill and it isn't too far from home.

The fact I failed to visit you was not by accident. Since I returned from Carmel last February I have been in a rather bad state of mind. I have been confused and somewhat miserable and refusing to talk about it or accept any help was stupid and surely an abuse of grace. My ideal of the Religious life was a very high one and when I saw my vows wiped away in a matter of hours or days it made me somewhat sick inside. Of course, the only answer to any of it is simply that it was God's will.



I expect that I intended to just drift along like so many people do, Mass on Sunday and do as I please the rest of the time. However, I found no peace in that kind of philosophy because despite all that has happened I still believe very strongly God does not intend to let me go my own merry way but has work for me to do in some field either in the world or the convent.

When I was younger my desire for sanctity was, I believe, wrapped up in myself, in other words, what becoming a saint would give me-satisfaction and happiness in the next world. My love for our Lord, I am ashamed to say was not pure in its intention either. How long I was governed by these imperfect motives I can't say. At the present time, I can say quite honestly I no longer desire that kind of sanctity. I wish very earnestly to love our Lord for Himself alone and to become as pleasing as possible to Him for His own glory alone. I wish to become a saint in His way and in His time. I don't mean to imply that I believe that the Spiritual life is entirely a passive work of God's grace but I believe it is a combination of the active cooperation of the soul with the passive grace of God. I had great hopes and desires in earlier years, but truthfully I am now without desires of any kind, desiring nothing but what God wills for me. I would like to think that I ~~was~~ am emptied of self but am certain I am far from it. Perhaps, I can say I am on the right path.

Saturday, I had a quite unexpected experience. I went to Confession at the Franciscan Church, St. Marys. I did not say anything about my past life in Carmel, but when I was finished the priest asked me if I had ever been in a convent. I have been asked in the past in the confessional if I desired to enter but never before have I been asked if I was in one. He asked me if I wished to enter an Order less austere more fitted to my physical constitution. I told him what you had spoke to me about and told him I had heard that morning from Mother Celine Teresa. He seemed to think there was hope for ~~me~~ my complete



conversion to grace and asked to be my director. I have accepted his help, so perhaps with that and the prayers of my friends, where I would be without them God alone knows, I will follow God's plan for me and make up in some way for pain I have caused Him by my wounded pride.

I will answer Mother Celine Teresa's letter soon. I cannot promise to enter, even though I would like to, because at this point God's will is not certain. I will take each day as it comes and try to cooperate with God's grace as He gives it. I am certain that if He wants me in this Community He will lead me there and there will be no mistake about it.

I am very grateful for your prayers and help and especially appreciative of your interest in Wayne. I am hoping that when the summer draws to a close he will be much stronger. He wishes to be remembered to you and will write to you soon.

May God bless you and reward you! I pray for you and beg a remembrance in your prayers.

In Jesus and Mary,

*Mary Louise Forbes*



June 26, 1950.

Dear Miss Shea:

I returned from my pilgrimage to Rome a week ago today, and was happy to find your letter waiting. I will be very glad to say your Mass.

The Guild misses you very much, but is happy to find you well settled in your job and still considers you as a part of the Guild though you are unable to attend it.

Let us continue praying mutually.

Gratefully in the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,  
C.M.F.

Miss Mary A. Shea,  
505 West Center St.,  
Anaheim, Calif.





Rev. Tasker Colburn. July 9, 1955.

Reverend Tasker:

I know how interested  
you are in Mr. Freeman so  
I took this opportunity to  
write you to inform you that



4. Perhaps it is it right to begin  
with Our Lord - but please tell  
my sister-in-law (Bill's sister Mrs.  
M. J. Flanagan of N.Y.) and I have  
promised a substantial donation  
to aid the Claretian Missionaries  
through you and St. Anthony  
Church if Bill Freeman's health  
can be restored now. Is that asking  
too much? I know it can be  
done! God Bless you -

Respectfully, Catherine Freeman  
Belongs to Christ!

Mr. Freeman had a little upset  
a week ago today - July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He  
was getting ready to go to  
the office when he apparently  
fainted. I called the priest  
& the doctor immediately &  
then we took him to the  
Hospital. He was alarmed  
but because he had been to  
Holy Communion the day before  
(the first Friday) the priest did



Not have Lin receive the heat &  
humidity have been terrible here so  
they thought at first he had been  
affected by the heat. However,  
he is doing fine now - still  
in the Hospital & perhaps will  
be for another 2 weeks at least.  
The good Sisters are helping him  
and with the aid of 3 special  
nurses and an excellent  
Catholic doctor we are  
doing all we can for him.



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# Prince George Hotel

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A. M. D. G.

Dear Father Alayius:-

In Honor of St. Anthony  
Claret's Feast this week,  
you will receive a gross  
of Brown Scapulars of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

May Our Beloved  
Blessed Mother grant many  
Blessings to you and all  
whom you enroll in Her  
Brown Scapular.

I feel privileged to  
work for Her in the



Secular Apostolate &  
the Society of the Little Flower  
here in New York, since leaving  
the two wonderful Dominicans  
in Miami Beach, with whom  
I worked for nearly a year  
and they want me to come  
back to them this winter  
season also, but I am  
now too busy here to  
get away - unless I go for  
my vacation & take a couple  
extra weeks to help them during  
the height of their winter season.

Remember me to my dear  
friends, Marie O'Donnell and  
Mrs. O'Neill - and I beg you  
not to forget your promise  
to place me daily on your  
Mass Paten -- (so I can  
include all for whom I pray),





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and when you send  
out your daily Blessings,  
to include me in them,  
too, so I can draw  
ever closer to Our  
Beloved Jesus.

My two nephews Danny  
& Francis Gavin are both in  
Service - Danny desires to  
become a Priest - so keep  
them in your prayers.

I had the joy of  
welcoming Bishop O'Hara  
upon his return from A.P.  
Ad Oleria after 22 months  
in prison - as his mass of



Thanksgiving was so heavenly,  
it was like a Canonization  
Mass - Bishop Sheen gave a  
magnificent sermon - and later  
at the Banquet given by the  
Passionists at Hoboken, N. J.,  
Bishop O'Gara spoke for  
almost an hour - enlightening  
the Priests on the experience  
in the lands of the Aids.

When you see Bishop  
Sheen on Tuesday evening, my  
dear friend Mary Ryan & I are  
sitting in the first or second  
row usually.

Trusting you are well,  
and with every good wish,  
and wonderful memories  
of my visits with you when  
last in Los Angeles, I am

Gratefully,  
In the Sacred Hearts,  
Evelyn Marie Gairin



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July 9, 1955

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COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father Aloysius,

This letter may come to you as somewhat of a surprise, and maybe as a sign of frivolity. Anyway, I feel the need of opening my heart once more to you, who art my spiritual <sup>father</sup>. How hard it is to write what I am so use to saying freely and sincerely!

I know that you are on retreat and are very busy in preparing the aspirants for a good beginning of their novitiate year. but I feel confident that this letter will not disturb you. I do not expect a written answer, but I heartily beg an answer in your prayers.

To begin, Father, I think I am growing up. I do not see a tremendous growth in sanctity or holiness as yet, but on the other hand I am sure there has been no large distance retraced either. After one



year as a religious, a year replete with valuable experience which I am going to put in full use in the future. God is slowly but surely opening His benivolent Heart by allowing me to see things more and more by faith. There<sup>also</sup> has been a great deal of sorrow for me this past year and I am afraid that these are not going to diminish even partially in the future. However, with my eyes wide open, full of faith, I am entering my second year with an eager and loving heart, ready to see God's Holy Will in everything.

I am about to renew my halocaust again, Father, and I beg deep down in my heart that I will be more and more faithful to my holy vows ~~than~~ during this <sup>coming</sup> ~~past~~ year.

Now ~~don't~~ come, Father, to the main purpose of my letter. Father, when we used to talk together, I think you will remember how so much



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like a little child I used to talk with you. Pardon me if I presume to write you in similar disposition. Right now, Father, I am in a state of soul I don't think I have ever been in. I am positive of being completely open with Father O'Connor, who has been so providentially my spiritual director. He is indeed a man of solid virtue whom I thank God for his acquaintance and guidance. Somehow, Father, though, I cannot be as childlike with him as I have been with you. I tell him my every difficulty and he is ever there to give me the push I need. But I am deterring a little from the path I mean to follow. What I mean to say is that I thrive a little on telling even



the smallest details to someone I feel confident will listen to them. So far, Father, you are the only one to whom I have been so free with in this regard. You know, Father, that I have a loving heart which desires to be loved in return. My love right now is ardent, especially since my profession is nigh at hand. My love spreads its flames in this manner of being open with those I love, but I have not been able to see in anyone else the quality of receiving it wholeheartedly as you so patiently did during my novitiate. Now follows the state of my confusion. Since I am not so perfectly free with my, you might say, childlike dispositions, I am lost to be so open except to God alone. But I am also a little at present in a dry spirit or state of aridity and find it so hard to be constant in the practice of virtue. Oh Father, I am afraid to reread, reread this letter, lest I find my thoughts incoherent and you will misinterpret my meaning. Anyway I



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am confident that you understand.  
I am writing this letter just so  
that I may be more free or in  
other words just to ~~let off~~ <sup>let off a little steam</sup> ~~my chest~~.  
I am proud and am afraid to quit  
being hypocritical and superficial.  
Writing to you helps me to open  
this outlet of self-expression. I don't  
think I could ever tell it to anyone  
else, simply because what you have  
always considered "child-like" in me,  
others consider it "childishness." I  
am inwardly sure others are right  
and try to comply with this belief,  
but it is so hard not to be child-  
like in my own way.

This is where I want to ex-  
press my heartfelt gratitude to you  
for acquainting me with the Jorb's  
and Mrs. O'Donnell. These souls have  
so touched my heart with their child-



like qualities in piety and love for God that I relish greatly my spiritual sonship as a great grace of God. They are so thoughtful of me that I am quite overcome. The only return I can give is to be a good and holy religious and someday - God willing - even a better, Christ-like priest. Pray that I will be, Father. I do so want to live up to the vocation to which I have been called - another Christ after the imitation of St. Anthony Claret. With the assurance I have of your prayers as well as the Job's I am going to enter this coming year with earnestness and zeal.

Father, I am following a little ~~scribble~~ ~~schedule~~ schedule that I made out for this summer, which Fr O'Connor was very pleased with. It isn't hard to follow either since it is in conformity with the regular schedule. However, you know how inconstant I am, so please pray that I may have the grace to stick with it, since I can



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accomplish so much by following it.

I hate to mention anything depressing. So, suffice it to ~~as~~ remark that my whole family in general are in need of prayers. How much indeed does God love my relations, for "whomsoever He loveth, He chastigeth."

There are two spiritual books I intend to read over and over through out my life, "Holy Abandonment" and "Heterotropium." These two books are just the answer for any one's sorrows since they lay God's holy will open to the eyes of anyone.

I think we are going to have Father Olava as our new prefect. I admire him immensely and find it very easy to talk with him. God is so thoughtful of this "little" ones!

I had better end this letter which, despite its lengthy contents, does not name half the things I would love to say to you. I know it is taking far too much of your time, so I will close.



it with my assurance to you of continued  
prayers for your greater sanctification.

God love you, Father

Fraternally in  
Corde Matris,

Joe Holmes, C.M.F.

P.S. In case you would like to know, Mark  
Brummel just received a letter in which  
he was informed that he is to go to  
Rome. He will be leaving in the early  
part of August.



J. M. J.  
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July 9, 55

Reverend Father Aloysius,

Dear Father in Christ,

I am writing this because I am hoping for a prompt answer from you, please, Father. I'll take what you say as God's Holy Will. I will also make it easy for you Father, by numbering my questions that will save you writing. Father please I do not like a third person in on it - Surely you can not blame me -

1/ Father, as it God's H. Will, that I should stay here at St. Mary-of-the-Wasatch? - No matter how very difficult and trying to my nervous sys. I don't sleep well. The days are long. I can't get any rest. I badly need. I don't think I could put up with it. ~~and then you like this last -~~ should I do some-thing to get helped by a Doctor when I go on my vacation to St. Alphonsus Hospital this coming week?

Father, may I ask you



SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WASATCH

SALT LAKE CITY 5, UTAH

this - III Was it because I wanted to stay in Germany, that you advised me never to go at all. Or did God enlighten you on an other reason?

Father, I miss Sister. your name-sake so much as a friend! Sr. I think, changed from the very time you send that message by her to me. To me because of it she meant more in a spiritual way. She still means the same to me she always has, but I never suffered from the heartlessness of anybody like I did from hers. (I used to be less sensitive than I am now years ago, if that is possible) Father, I have felt and known it as Gods Will, that we shouldn't be friends, but just for a time. Father, I want to <sup>be</sup> thousand of miles away from here sometimes just to be able to forget and not see her.

IV We do not and should it me at least be friendly somewhat to one another. She goes out of her way to avoid me. Besides being in the same house our



work also lies in the same end of the house. - Father, perhaps it is all a trial or a test send me by God if so how can I resign myself to it all and please Him. I sure find it very hard sometime or at times. Would it not be more for my peace to be away from here. May I because of it ask for a change to go to the mid west?

Please Father, may I count on an answer from soon and could you not seal it and have Sister Noel send it to me in case you are too busy. Please. Or send it to me in Boise St. Alphonsus Hospital  
Boise, Idaho.

I am going there this week Wednesd. the 13th and hope to be there two weeks including traveling days I guess.

I shall pray to the Holy Ghost till I hear from you but please Father do not send it verbally by an other sister again.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus  
Sister M. Villanova



J. M. J.

St. Francis Hospital  
Topeka, Kansas  
July 10th. 1955.

Reverend Father Aloysius:

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed please  
find two Mass stipends,  
one in honor of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary and the other  
for the Poor Souls in  
Purgatory for a special  
intention.

Will you kindly remember  
a special intention of mine  
in your Masses and  
prayers, if it is the Holy  
Will of God.

Father have you any  
suggestion for a book  
that I am read for  
spiritual reading?



May the Divine Lord send  
many laborers into His  
Vineyard of your Community,  
is the prayer of yours in  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Eunice

P.S. Father there is <sup>also</sup> a stipend  
for a High Mass in honor  
of St. Joseph



J. M. J. T.



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

July 12, 1955

Praise be to Jesus and Mary

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

I am happy to know that you have met Richard and I consider it an honor to have been able to tell him of that wonderful family, the Claretons. I shall keep him in my prayers; that he may be a holy and saintly priest.

Boxes have been arriving for Donna Blackman and I expect her to arrive on the 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I know that you will keep her in your good prayers.

I am enclosing a mass offering to be said in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in thanksgiving for the lovely class of eight young girls who will enter on her Feast Day.

Be assured of a daily remembrance in our prayers and sacrifices.

Gratefully yours in Carmel,

*Mother Celine Teresa*



J.M.

Santa Barbara  
July 12, 1955

Dear Father Alaysius,

I want to thank you  
for giving us so much of  
your time and also to  
tell you how kind your  
Novice was to us on our  
visit of July 4th.

Sister Mary Luke said  
to tell you it was worth  
waiting six years for  
such a visit! I am so

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Throughout the centuries Christian artists have painted the Madonna as the glorious Queen of Heaven, the Christ Child in her arms, the Saints at her feet. In 1954 the Queenship of Mary was officially proclaimed a Major Feast of the Church. The Feast is celebrated on May 31st.

happy that she could re-  
ceive your blessing.

I have asked God to  
bless your retreat and to  
give you His love in  
great abundance. He was  
so good to give me such  
assurance through you,  
that He is pleased with  
my efforts to love Him  
and to do His will. Time  
did not permit me to  
tell you all that I had  
wished to, but I know  
that you understood what  
(inside)



I wished to say. There are many times when I would like to write to ask your advice but I do not know if this is permissible for you, and perhaps your busy life would not permit you to answer a letter, so I will ask Our Lord to let you know when I need your prayers and blessing and then leave my next visit with you in His hands —

Thank you again for prayers for my birthday on July 2nd — God was very good to me on that day.

Our pilgrimage to the Missions ends here today at Santa Barbara and Sister Mary Luke has collected much valuable information for her thesis. Please send her your blessing on this project which is her obedience for the coming year.



May God grant you  
health and strength to  
do His work - and send  
you many good subjects  
to train for His service.

The assurance of your  
prayers is one of my  
greatest blessings.

Gratefully in the  
Sacred Heart,

Sister Mary Dolores



15-M-56  
Favorite Madonnas series





July 15, 1955

Dear Father Alaynis:

In enclosing  
a check for some masses. These  
masses are to be said for  
the complete recovery of Mr. Wm.  
Freeman. He is the white haired  
attorney I brought to you this  
spring! He has had another heart  
attack and stroke and is in a  
very critical condition at Saint  
Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis.

We all have great  
faith in Saint Anthony and  
are continuing our prayers to him.  
If you would say some prayer and  
include Mr. Freeman in yours, I  
would greatly appreciate it.

I am in Minnesota  
for the summer so will not be  
at any Guild meetings until fall.  
I've loaned Mr. Freeman



the wonderful cross you gave  
me with the hope that he will  
be helped.

Praying for us.

Mrs. E. R. Florence  
521 N. Lemon Street  
Anaheim California



Friday July 22, 1955

Dear Dr. Haysine:

Today is Michael's Birthday  
and a sad day indeed.  
Naturally we're greatly re-  
lieved since your happy  
news from the East.

Mother sent along the en-  
closed check for Maxine.  
Could you let me know how  
much the donation is for a  
Regnum High Mass and I  
will send you enough for  
one.

Visited with Mrs. Crow and  
Mrs. Day and we all hope  
and pray that Michael will  
return to the Religious life  
very soon.

Many thanks for your  
most comforting words  
and letters. You have been  
most comforting.

Sincerely

Mother Beane Clark



JLL

July 24th, 1955.

Dear Father Aloysius:

It was so pleasant having you and Father Bossi and Father Michael and your Seminarians last week. It was a real treat and the evening passed all too quickly.

I especially wish to thank you for the Holy Mass you offered for my birthday. I appreciate this very, very much.

The boys all looked so nice and behaved in such a fine gentlemanly fashion. You are entitled to be very proud of them - it is justified.

I am enclosing my check for \$15.00 for masses, as follows:

Deceased  
John Dyer

Notify  
Mrs. John Dyer  
166 Homewood Road  
Los Angeles, 49, California.

Also for a young family, friends of ours, who were in an accident (automobile) and now are fighting for their lives in a hospital in Milwaukee I believe. They are Catholic, young mother and father and baby - their name is Keating.

✓ I would appreciate it if you would drop a line to the parents at Detroit:

Mr & Mrs. Thomas H. Keating  
1001 Covington Drive,  
Detroit, 3, Michigan.



They are very upset about this accident.  
The boy is their oldest son. Mr. Keating  
is a daily communicant and one of the Vice  
Presidents of General Motors.

I know they would more than appreciate  
hearing from you.

Thanking you once again, Father Aloysius,  
for your many kindnesses.

Sincerely,

*Helen Clark*



Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Aloysius:

My face is truly flushed. I  
looked in my Tract and  
find the check which should  
have been included in my  
last letter. Please forgive me.

Sincerely

Wm. W. Carr



10511 St. James Ave,  
South Gate, Calif.,  
July 26, 1955.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you again for taking time from your many duties to accompany Mother and me on our visit to Pat Sullivan. You brought him so much consolation, Father, with your prayers and blessings.

I took Mrs. Sullivan's sister, Sister Albina, who is at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, to see Pat today. Mother Macarin wanted Sister to try and persuade Pat to come and stay at the hospital. She feels it would be so much better in every way, for they all fear the strain is beginning to tell



on Mrs. Sullivan and the work of caring for him is so hard on her.

I doubt if Pat will consent. He has an aversion to hospitals, after his long stay at one, at the beginning of his illness.

Dr. Reynolds called to see him while we were there and told Sister he has a very short time to live. He also advised stopping the blood transfusions, which I understand Pat has been getting through the Fire Department. He said he felt it was just prolonging his life and there was nothing more that could be done for him.

Pat was much weaker today than when we saw him last. When he saw me,



he immediately asked.  
 "Be Father with you" and then  
 said he needed prayers and  
 to please pray for him.

Mrs. Sullivan told me  
 you had called and told  
 her of the prayers being offered  
 for Pat and she was so  
 grateful.

Some time ago Father I  
 promised five dollars to  
 Saint Philomena for a favor  
 received and I must confess  
 I have been very slow in  
 fulfilling my promise.  
 Would you mind taking care  
 of it for me Father? I  
 thought you might know of  
 someone who would be in  
 need of something that it  
 might help buy - maybe  
 one of the young students.  
 Anything you do with it  
 I know will please



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Saint Philomena, so please  
use it as you see fit.

I am also enclosing  
five dollars to enroll  
Pat Sullivan and my  
Godmother, Mary Fowler,  
who passed away recently,  
in the Perpetual League  
of Masses.

Thank you again Father.  
The children and I will  
remember you in our prayers.  
May God bless you and  
keep you in good health.

Your sincere friend,  
Kellie Baxter



will celebrate ~~on~~ High Mass  
The 5 dollars will be ~~in~~ from  
of St. Philomena. Standing here  
in behalf of her family.



Dear Father.

I am Mary's friend and I have been caring for her baby since her illness. I have never had the opportunity of meeting you but I know the wonderful peace you have helped Mary accomplish with the help of God.

I talked with her a short time on last Sunday and I find it difficult to explain - but whenever I have a chance to visit with her, I come away with such joy in my heart. This is strange for naturally I should feel very sad to see my friend wasting away.

Pray for us that we may learn to live as she did.



I wonder if you would be kind  
enough to say a mass for my  
brother's wife who has been operated  
on for cancer and is having X-ray  
and other treatments at the present time.

Her name is Mrs. Alice Durkin

1105 Hillview Rd, Menlo Park  
Calif.

I have given her the novena to St. Anthony  
Mary Clark and she is helping to spread  
devotion to him.

May God bless you in  
your work.

Sincerely,

Ann Tarr

715 Kenneth St.

Glendale (2)

Cetus 3-5477



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J. M. J.

July 28 - 55

Reverend Father Aloysius  
Dear Father,

Received this letter I am enclosing last evening. As you can see my people are far from reconciled - Father, may I ask you please to pray for them, that God will pacify and satisfy them with what I already have told them. Where they got the notion of a promise I am supposed to have made I do not know. I told them exactly what you told me and that I took it as God's Holy Will for me.

Where Sister got the idea of a promise I don't know - as you will perhaps remember Sister was refused in September and given permission to go in the early part of December.



Sister wrote and told me and asked: "Are you coming with us?" Father, I told her I was advised not to go - whether I told or wrote her I was advised never to go at all I do not remember but I think I did and also that I took It as Gods Holy Will for me.

Why she didn't help me to defend my cause with my people I do not understand. I was counting on her to do so.

Father, please pray for them too, so they can content themselves about it & be happily resigned to what appears to me to be Gods Holy Will.

May I ask you, please Father:

Is your decision of advice to me based on the reason I wanted to stay in Germany at first? I feel it is not, but if it ~~is~~ could I not easily let my people know that they may & can expect me sometime in the near future years - ?

I have been told that I am selfish and proud. Will you please settle this matter for me once and for all. I am doubtful at times because I wonder, whether you told me never to go because I wanted to stay in Germany - (Father, I think, that was a passing temptation.) Father, if you could enlighten me on how I could let my people see the matter the way you see it I would be left in peace by them and not be upset every-



time I hear from one or the  
other of them. I don't like it.

May I please have Sisters  
letter back. And please Father for Gods  
sake write me about this.

Sincerely and gratefully  
Sister M. Villanova

P. S. Father, I think I have the  
answers to the questions I asked  
you, but would like the answer from  
you never the less. - Will seal  
this my self.



Colton California  
July 29, 1955

Father Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.  
Clement Fathers  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father Ellacuria,

About a month ago I made a retreat at Our Lady of the Holy Trinity at Huntressville, Utah at which time I became acquainted with Fr M. Emmanuel. Fr Emmanuel helped me a great deal in the few days that I spent there and as a result of that retreat I desire very much to try to attain Christian and spiritual perfection and make steady progress in this direction.

However, I feel as though I cannot accomplish this by myself as I know so little about the spiritual life and I find myself wondering what I should do each day to bring me closer to God. I received a letter from Fr Emmanuel the other day and he recommended that I contact you for spiritual direction. I understand that you are a very busy priest and your time is very valuable to the novices under your direction but I wonder if you could find a little time once in a while to help me along. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain -

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Edward A. Conforti  
P.O. Box 167  
Colton, Calif.



A.M.

30 July, 1955

Dear Father,

Immaculate Heart of Mary be  
my salvation, I thank I give  
Thee of Mother for my vocation,  
give me the grace to be faithful  
in it throughout my life.

You might wonder at the  
way I open this letter, especial-  
ly when I thank Her for my voca-  
tion. Perhaps your prayers  
and the prayers of so many  
others has finally helped me  
to know my vocation more  
clearly.

Since I last wrote to you,  
many things have happened  
that have made me more firm  
in my desire for the Claretian



priesthood. A few weeks ago  
I went to Chicago in order  
to get in touch with Fr.

Lavelle. Upon phoning St.  
Francis parish I learned that  
he was in the new noviciate  
at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Since I was on a 3 day pass  
I <sup>had</sup> enough time to do this,  
so I went to see Fr. Lavelle  
in the new noviciate. I was  
very happy to see him and  
I had a long talk with  
him. Needless to say ~~my~~ the  
conversation with him was  
very beneficial to me and I  
was able to see things more  
clearly in regards to my



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calling. I told him how  
very ... very hard it was  
for me to re-enter and all  
the spiritual stumbling  
blocks I had to face. But  
I also said that my heart  
was in the priesthood and  
couldn't take it from there  
no matter how hard I tried.  
I have tried to forget the religious  
life and can't. I wish with all  
my heart to become a priest -  
I have always felt that way.  
I can't help it. Father, I miss  
God so much and I wish I  
could be close to Him again.  
I feel so lost without Him.  
I yearn for Him so. Even in  
sin I remember Him. I love



Jesus and I wish to suffer  
 with Him, to part of Him, ~~he~~  
~~to~~ win other souls for Him,  
 say the Mass for with Him -  
 crucify myself to Him! Yet  
 my body clings to the world  
 the flesh and the devil. But  
 know I am willing to leave it  
 all and "go on God's shoulders".  
 Would I feel this way if I  
 had a vocation? Why is it that  
 everyone with whom I have contact  
 tells me that I should become  
 a priest? My sister Pilar is  
 convinced that I have a special  
 vocation - even you said that  
 I had an excellent vocation.  
 Is it true? Am I that chosen?



Why does God<sup>5</sup> humiliate  
Himself and stoop so low to me  
after ~~so~~ all the sins I have com-  
mitted and still love me? Some-  
times I think it would be  
better if He ~~ceased~~ stopped  
loving me - I am too un-  
worthy for Him! But how can  
I wish that! God is so good  
and he has forgiven me a  
million million times.

I shew His gifts in His  
adorable face and I run away  
from Him - how ungrateful  
on my part! Yet he follows  
me, wants me still, and  
Father I want Him! I want  
to love Him - and why do  
I find it so hard?



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I told my sister in a letter  
after I had visited Br. Lovell  
that I was going to enter even  
if it kills me. I must become  
a priest! I will never be happy  
thinking of the priesthood and at  
the same time indulging  
in the world. As for purity I  
am trying and thank God  
I am succeeding. I feel so  
utterly helpless without Him!  
Father Lovell told me that  
if I felt this way, then why  
did I not make a firm decision  
and enter now & for all? You  
know, Father, I think he's  
right. He told me if I were  
to enter, to enter the Eastern



province (you know I can  
never be anything but a Claretian).  
Of course I feel a little resentful  
but come to think of it, what  
does it matter where I serve  
God? Souls are the same  
everywhere. If He wants me  
to serve Him in the Eastern  
province, I will do too.

Am I being presumptuous  
or proud when I say that  
I have a vocation? This thought  
comes to me often. Pray that  
as soon as get out of the  
service that I hesitate no  
longer and give myself to  
God completely & immediately  
entire. As I say, Father, it is  
so tempting for me to go



To turn and do things I  
shouldn't do, and it is  
extremely hard for me to  
pull myself away from the  
world and the flesh. But  
with Jesus I may I can do all  
things.

Please pray for a an itinerant  
university professor who is  
a Mason and excommunicated  
from the church. He is so  
belong to the true teachings of  
our holy religion. He is a friend  
of mine here and still says he's  
a catholic but attends protestant  
services. Pray for him.

Also, I beg you and your  
wives to pray for a very good  
friend of mine here whose young  
wife (19 yrs. old) is afflicted with  
cancer and whose case is  
hopeless. He and his wife are



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our holy religion. He is a friend  
of mine here and still says he's  
a catholic but attends protestant  
services. Pray for him.

Also, I beg you and your  
nieces to pray for a very good  
friend of mine here whose young  
wife (19 yrs. old) is afflicted with  
cancer and whose case is  
hopeless. He and his wife are



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very good Catholics and I  
promised him I'd ask you  
and the holy people you know  
especially those ~~angels~~ very holy  
nuns you know that you  
would pray for ~~the~~ his wife.

I told him about St. Anthony  
Mary Clare and the miracles  
attributed to his intercession  
with God. Pilar is sending  
me a ~~real~~ ~~first~~ first class relic  
of St. Anthony Clare for myself  
but I am going send it to  
that <sup>good</sup> fellow. I told him to  
have great faith in God and  
no matter what happens  
he should be happy that God's  
will is done. I told him to  
pray for  
a miracle, or rather pray that the  
will of God is done.



Pray for so many people  
 who need God desperately  
 and don't realize it. There are  
 so many souls in darkness!  
 As for my trip all the way  
 to Chicago from Kentucky,  
 I think nothing of it - it very  
 common for soldiers to travel 4  
 or 5 hundred miles to towns.

Pray that the decision I make  
 is right. Pray that I don't  
 make a mistake in re-entering.  
 Pray that I have enough  
 courage to go back. It is  
 so hard! Yet what a small  
 price to pay for the priesthood!

P.S. note my new address. God love you!  
 Yours in the  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary  
 (O'Fallon) Dango



SAINT ANTHONY CONVENT

1103 WEST 164TH STREET  
GARDENA, CALIFORNIA

July 30, 1955

Dear Father,

I have a problem troubling me but I am at a loss of words to explain it to anyone. If I could only go to my Superiors and discuss it with them but it is something I am ashamed of. I have spoken of it to Confessors and I have been told to forget it. I try - if I could be told some way to cope with it.

I suppose I should have gone to someone before I entered but didn't know who or where to turn for help. I wanted to come a year before this tragedy or sin of the flesh was forced upon me but



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family opposition kept me back.

In the lives of Saints, who were repentant sinners, I never read, of course, of them coping with this problem. If I only knew of someone who suffered this same thing and how they bore this cross, I think it would help me.

If only I had more trust in God's grace. I feel at times as if it were harder to bear than shooting someone.

I hope you can understand what I have written. If you think it is better to talk than write, I can come to see you Thursday or Friday of this week. We go into Retreat on Saturday.

Father, I love my vocation



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having been a Sister for ten years and want to do the best I can for my Community. I try to forget myself in my prayers and work but this trouble does force its way in.

Sincerely in Our Lord,  
Sister Ann Francine.



August 2. 1955

Reverend Father Alojz  
Dear Father:

In your charity will  
you please pray for  
a cure for Chas. R.  
Harvey? He is very  
ill from cancer. I hear  
that the doctors give  
him only a short time  
to live. They took out a  
kidney - now his lungs  
are cancerous, and his



• wife wrote that he is <sup>2</sup>.  
having great trouble  
with his right leg.  
We've been friends for  
years - but these last few  
years our friendship has  
cooled - however we  
are praying, and asking  
prayers for him. I don't  
believe that he is baptized.  
So maybe a cure would  
bring the family in to the  
Church.

My husband is a recent



convert from Masonry after  
more than twenty five years  
of it.

Please; Father, pray  
for poor Chas. Harvey;  
and for us also.

Thank you Father,  
I am sincerely.

(Mrs.) Ann M. Harta.





466 East Mariposa Street \* Altadena, California \* Sycamore 4-6664

August 4th 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Your most kind letter of June 13th was forwarded to me. By the time I reached Maine-where my Mother had gone to spend her summer holiday -I myself was taken ill with bronchitus-and came back home- with work that was much retarded.

While East the family advisor-a protestant-who is lawyer -and who rewrote my father's will a year ago- had been to Europe-and seen a brother-in-law who had waited 34 years till my Father died to claim that he owns everything.

The one bone of contention in my family is that Rita and I-do the kind of work we do-that we take on children who are destitute-and devote our energy and our fortune to them-with the result that everything is now being done to cut us off- so that the family inheritance will not then go to strangers.

Those who remain 3 nieces-have all the world can give them-our little ones and our work depends on us...it was a rude awakening-and needed much faith-and the realization that God in His heaven can and will do everything in His own good time.

My best friend-for whom I asked for prayers died of cancer-I went to see her in Toledo-Ohio-from the moment she was operated-she never regained conscienciousness-and was totally paralyzed-for ten weeks she lay more like a mummy than a human being. It was then that I made up my mind-and came back home to pack our things-and take our five children to Europe. I have been asked to do some work in India with my cousin by Cardinal Costantini-and to write the life of my uncle-Archbishop Benziger.

Due to the fact that even the picture collection given me by my Father 5 years ago is being wanted by the brother-in-law-I feel it is unwise to do anything now.. until the estate is settled-so we leave within a week for Rome -and then we place our children with a friend-and go to India...

That is why dear Father you have not heard from me-the boy Francis asked if he could go back to Huttonsville -West Virginia to the Salesians-and since our plans were so uncertain-and he flunked in all his exams and could nothave gotten into the Seminary as they would only take him if he passed the High School test..he is very happy with the priests there-working as a farmer...

Pray for us please dear Father-Rita is cured and thank God so much better. We had planned to come to see you-but so so much has happened that-it is now best we plan and hope to see you upon our return -





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May we have that postponed pleasure in the future of welcoming you and the Novices to see our paintings...?

We confide ourselves-our children-our work-our health and the writing I have been asked to do-to your kind prayers and those of your novices.

With every best wish-and kindest regard,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

*Marieli Benziger*  
Marieli Benziger



J. M. J.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**HARRY CAMP MILLINERY COMPANY**

Rev. Father Alayocunas.

Cery. 6th.

Dear Father

Here I am again I have time all  
Summer to drop by & see you, but the days I  
am near are the days you are not in.

I know too you have a busy Summer.

Could you possibly read or make someone  
again for our Dr. He is having so much  
trouble with his hip & back that he can't sit  
by. He tries to walk & it is hard. Now when he  
lies down he gets severe cramps in his  
thighs & has to rest. He has to get up &  
walk, so he doesn't get much rest.



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

HARRY CAMP MILLINERY COMPANY

It feel several weeks ago when  
had not helped the situation.  
So I feel you can make some  
of money during our period  
perhaps until he will receive  
so much help.

Pray also for me I have had something  
open in my side & throat I feel full  
prayers will help me I don't want to have any  
other but am full of prayers for you & your  
Prayers.  
Love  
God Bless you  
Sincerely May Brady





SAINT LOUIS (3)

FRANK A. McDEVITT, Manager  
OMAHA BRANCH OFFICE  
545 Omaha National Bank Building  
OMAHA 2, NEBRASKA  
Phone: HA 2456

9/7/1955

Dear Father Aloisius

Please accept my sincere thanks  
for your personal interest and your  
prayers for my recovery of health.  
I returned Tuesday after attending  
our company convention in Banff  
Canada and am glad to report  
to you that I am feeling quite  
good. Try to follow your advice  
about breathing etc. I hope to  
be able to again visit you next  
winter -

kindest personal regards  
Frank A McDevitt





His mother, a daily communicant, is greatly saddened. I told her that I felt sure that it was God's way of bringing the entire family closer to Him.

Father, when you offer the masses, will you ask God for not only his conversion, but to make a great saint out of him, too. Thank you.

Mrs. Sjostrom came a week or so ago and was happy entirely with the visits she had with you. They were a truly spiritual uplift to her. I know, for her one great intent is to do good.

I, too, need your prayers, Father, please remember me.

Sincerely yours in  
Jesus and Mary

Sister Timothea

P.S. Father, please, say too one mass for the children under my care. St. T.



August 12, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Mildrida:

Many thanks for your letter of July 16th and for the Holy Masses which, by the way, received my immediate attention.

Mr. Billy Dresser so far did not call on me. If and when he does, I will do my best to do all you want me to do with him.

My visit to Rome was a very great grace from God, but it seems to me that my visit to Lourdes was the best of all. Lourdes is tops in regard to devotion to the Blessed Mother. The grotto at Lourdes is a place where one feels so strongly attracted to the Blessed Mother and finally learns how to pray and how to deal with the Mother of God and Our Own Mother, the Blessed Virgin.

I can assure you that I remembered you right along during my pilgrimage and when the Holy Father in his audience told us that he was blessing all those whom we had in our mind and in our heart, I had you very present. So you are blessed by the Holy Father.

In Spain I saw my family and I was most of the time with my brother, Father Joseph Mary. I told him about you. He is doing wonderful work as a missionary. I met him in the Vatican after the solemnities of the canonization of our Holy Founder. Then later in Spain I was with him. He is very thankful for your prayers for him.

On my return I found my novices very happy, and particularly Billy Sutton is thanking you for all your prayers during the month of the Sacred Heart for him. He is going to make his profession August 22nd, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. So remember him that day and he will remember you too.

I hope that your health is strong enough so that you can continue with your work of atonement and intercession for souls. Pray with complete confidence to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, pleading them to spare us from another war and the crush Communism and save all souls of the entire world.

I will send you soon a first class relic of St. Anthony Claret in a reliquary crucifix which also has inside the scapular medal blessed for sixteen scapulars. The crucifix carries a plenary indulgence in articulo mortis, also the Apostolic Indulgences and the faculty of Stations of the Cross when one is not able to make them in a church.

Tomorrow we begin the novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and you will be especially remembered. Pray much for my novices and for all those who are, have been or will be in spiritual contact with me so that they all cooperate with divine grace. Be the Immaculate Heart of Mary your life, your sweetness and your hope.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,





*but some other time.*

*Thank you, Father.*

*In Jesus,*

*Sr. Mary Verona,*

*S.P.*



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8-31-55

Reverend dear Father,

How very thoughtful God is of His "little ones"! He sent you my way today. I had been wishing it - but dared not hoping it.

Tomorrow I'll be installed for my second term. I returned to this assignment with more fear & trembling than I felt when I was first faced with it three

years ago. But this evening I am ready - thanks to His grace which has come to me through a few simple words of yours. The keener the realization of my own misery & complete incapacity for the tremendous task - the more confident I shall be of His help & His mercy.

My nature recoils from suffering - especially moral & mental suffering, but I



want to suffer-and  
suffer much-

Father, I feel much  
ashamed. I learned that  
there was not enough cold  
drink brought down to your  
movies. I don't know why.

So you see, you have  
to come with your boys again  
to compensate them today's  
disappointments. Next Wednes-  
day there will be 130 high school  
students here - YCS's Workshop,





*but some other time.*

*Thank you, Father.*

*In Jesus,*

*Sr. Mary Teresa,*

*OP.*



Sisters of Divine Providence  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CONVENT  
307 BROAD STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

August 28, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am writing to you on behalf of our Sister De la Salle who came to you for special blessings on July 31, August 2 and 3. I visited Sister at her convent in Dover, Ohio, this past weekend and found her very discouraged. Right now her condition is very poor, and if it doesn't improve in the next ten days, she will have to ask the Motherhouse to relieve her of her duties.

Please include Sister in your prayers in a special way. I will do my best to spread



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devotion to Saint Anthony Mary Claret  
if Sister recovers from this affliction.

Also, Sister asked me to let you  
know that neither of our provinces  
is at present able to undertake  
the work at St. James the Less parish.  
We are more than grateful for your  
offer and sincerely regret that we  
cannot accept it.

Thank you for your kindness  
to Sister and me when we visited  
your monastery. Be assured we  
will remember you in our prayers  
and please pray for Sister.

Sincerely in Our Lady,

Sister M. Victorine, C.D.P.



Aug 29-55

Dear Father Ellacuria, O.M.F.

Please accept my special thanks for coming to see me at the hospital two weeks ago.

I am at home now, but I am sure the Blessing and prayers you said for me, together with all the Masses and prayers said for me by all my relatives and friends have helped me to accept God's Will, and I keep praying that I will be given the grace to accept whatever sufferings and crosses that are still to come my way.

I am enclosing a Mass offering and when you or some other of your priests have time will you



please say a Mass in Thanksgiving  
to Almighty God for the many  
good things He has given to me  
in this life.

I am taking X Ray Therapy every day  
in hopes I may be spared a while  
to my family.

Should you ever be in Glendale  
I'd be most honored to have you  
visit me.

Again thanking you so much  
Father

Sincerely  
Mrs. J. A. Troehlich  
1116 N. Louise St. Apt 7  
Glendale 7 - Calif.



to the letter - and charity dies and good works -

Can you understand? Can you instruct me - for I am ashamed and I am confused. The little bride has had to reveal her personal life with her Beloved - she has had to accept the judgment of mortal sin - she cannot receive Holy Communion without the further sin of sacrilege when she has been overwhelmed completely by Love. And yet in her heart she knows that she is being wooed - that the love is the most precious gift in her life - that her Lover fully understands that her body has not grown up to this high spiritual oneness, cannot yet contain such love without reacting with delight - without being overwhelmed.

I am a slave to Jesus through Mary. Jesus and again she has asked me to submit completely to God. And I have believed her - do believe her - yet, dear Father, I am under obedience to my Confessor. And if they deem loving so completely is mortal sin then I must obey and sin no more.

Now I leave it in your hands because you will take care of it all for me - for God



has blessed you very much and you will see  
my heart and soul and will know just what  
to do. And I won't cry about this anymore  
because you know the great Truths and you  
will make me know them and live by them.

I think you will not be offended if I  
say that I love you very much for all you are  
letting Him do in you and through you. I  
am very childish and trusting in my love for  
Him and sometimes I am very womanly too.  
They say we are all worms - of ourselves we  
most surely are - but He makes us into little  
children if we let Him, doesn't He?

God bless you exceedingly - and I will  
pray for your intentions.

Sincerely,

Virginia S. Lecky



OSJ!

OSM!

Sisters of Loretto  
2911 Idoll Street  
Los Angeles 65, Calif.

Rev Father Aloysius

Dear Father:

The enclosed is for five  
Masses for the recovery of health  
of a man who has had a stroke.

One Mass for the repose of the  
soul of Monsignor Dignan's Mother.

One Mass for recovery of one of  
our Sisters who has broken her  
hip.

One Mass for the repose of  
the soul of Mrs Hengen.

Thank you Father

Will you kindly say a Mass for  
a Sp Intention on the first Wednes.



day of each month for the next  
ten months.

Sincerely,

L. M. Paschal



+  
J.M.F.

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

ROUTE 5, BOX 2277  
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

September 1, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Will you please offer two Masses for my brother? He was electrocuted on August 10<sup>th</sup> while working on one of his apartment houses in Cairo, Illinois. It was a great shock and grief for all the family.

My niece Roseva Vida has been anointed three times. Roseva still hopes for a miracle. God sees the future and knows what is best for His children so I trust Him. If it is for the greater honor and glory of



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God and His holy Mother I know  
Our Lord will restore Roseana  
to complete health. She is in  
His hands and I trust Him.

I am in Modesto again. I  
returned yesterday after attending  
my brother's funeral and  
visiting my Mother and family.

Father, please remember  
us in your prayers that  
we may please Our Lady  
and her Divine Son.

May Our Lady love,  
bless, and protect you.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Agnes Lucille C.S.C.



September 2, 1955

My dear Father Aloysius

Last week for four days I was very weak. On the fourth day I prayed incessantly, so to speak, to St. Anthony Claret. My strength came back so fast, I was able to come for your blessing Sunday. As I write this letter I am still better. My right side is trying to heal <sup>now</sup>. I hope for the healing to take place in my sick brains also, that I may be able to use to full capacity the gifts that God has given me.



I desire so much, very  
very much, to read more about  
St. Anthony Claret. I read and  
reread the pamphlet you gave  
me. Please, dear Father, may I  
read other books about him? I  
will take care of them and return  
them safely.

When I first became  
acquainted with St. Claret, tho I  
admired him and prayed to him,  
I felt no particular devotion to  
him. But now, dear Rev. Father, I  
love him more than words can  
express. It is impossible not to  
love ~~st.~~ Claret with a special love.

One Tuesday evening, about  
six weeks ago, while praying,  
my heart suddenly began to burn.



I knew some one was thinking of me. After awhile the burning became so sweet I could not pray any more, no matter how hard I tried. Father, It was the beloved founder of your order, St. Clare. St. Clare keeps bringing me to Jesus. When beings of the invisible or visible world bring me into the presence of God then I am not afraid.

After the Holy Family  
I love with a special love  
St. Michael and St. Clare.

St. Clare loves you,  
dear Father Aloysius, He loves  
you and loves you. I saw it  
in my mind that evening.



I may come Sunday or  
Monday for your blessing, dear  
Father, I am not sure.

May The Holy Family and  
St Anthony Clare bless you.

Ever with deepest gratitude  
and daily remembrance in  
prayer.

Most sincerely yours,

Lillian Marie Toulin

P.S. Dear Father

There is something I fear  
with a great fear. I wish to tell you  
about it when I write again.



Dear Father,

Sept. 2, 1955

Will you please offer mass  
for my husband, Kenneth, who needs  
special help to overcome alcoholism.  
At the present time he is ill from it.  
I pray for his conversion, which is mine.  
Sr. Evangelista, my sister,  
whom you met a month ago, has  
been sent back East to teach.

My Mother, age 87 yrs, is  
staying with me at present. I  
am taking care of her, as she is  
feeble. We are having a good visit.

Perhaps this illness will awaken  
Kenneth. He speaks frequently of  
becoming a Catholic. Mother is praying  
for him. She loves him. He is kind to her.  
I hope for grace for his complete conversion.  
Best wishes to you Father

I moved to  
1021-25<sup>th</sup> St. Santa Monica.

Sincerely,  
Marie Ahmanson



Wednesday

Dear Rev. Abegassium:

Sunday I will bring my own heartbreak to you and will visit you with the Hilleys. I want to write you though because it is most hard to put into words what is in my heart and I can tell you calmly on paper.

I am a convert of 8 yrs. - the mother of two lovely girls - their Father left us 5 years ago to marry another. I have been very close to God ever since my marriage for I married one who was completely indifferent from the very beginning. Our Lord has taken miraculous care of me - provided us a home in the Old Convent next to the Church - made it possible for the girls to have Catholic Education - and has seen to every need.

My little soul climbs to heights as it used to before the blows began to come. You see Father, when God sends His great love so full and so complete it affects every part of me - physically and spiritually - and every part of me responds with a great response - Christ becomes my husband in every way. My Confessions have not understood - and I have been in a state of near breakdown - near despair several times because



every time it has been as if God willed me to give my whole self to Him and that He desired me to offer Him all natural and spiritual needs and affections.

My first experience of being completely overwhelmed by love was when I was only 14 yr. old in the church. I was so confused and so affected and had so little knowledge that I did violence to myself physically. A few past years my Lord has returned periodically - I even inquired in the confessional if God saw fit to love us so and the answer was that God had only been known to love in such a manner twice. My beautiful love had to be torn apart and analyzed and my judgment was been mortal sin - plus the sin of sacrilege because I would feel such a high state of love and grace that I would continue to receive Holy Communion.

Father, I have disciplined myself severely for long periods. Tried to love God only with my heart and head - and it is like a violin trying to play a symphony on two strings. I know in my heart that God too is hurt by my proportioning of love. for love begins to ~~die~~ die when I conform rigidly



# Sacred Heart Church

14 STONE STREET  
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

September 6, 1955.

Rev. Aloysius Ellcuria, C.M.F.  
1119 West Chester Place,  
Los Angeles, California.

Reverend and Dear Father:

May I ask a favor of you? I know that you do not know me, but I feel that I have to bother you. Father, please forgive me for the trouble I give to you, and please do me this favor.

Here in Salinas there is a lady, Mrs. Lorene Lemos is her name, lying on the bed for a long time on account of cancer. Mrs. Lemos is a convert from protestantism, a very pious and patient woman, she has suffered very much, but never complains one word. Not long ago she lost her husband, who was a wonderful catholic, and has four children with her. The people has been praying for her. Now the condition of Mrs. Lemos is getting worse, and the doctors said that there is no hope for her, but she is still hoping that God make her well. Father, the things are impossible for human being, are possible before Heavenly Father. So Reverend Father I beg of you with my whole heart to pray for Mrs. Lemos!

Father, being a big sinner I do not know what shall I say to you. I need your prayers very badly too, but I am afraid that I am giving you too much trouble to ask you to pray for me.

Father, I thank you very much.

Beging your blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ

Augustine Wang





## Claretian Missionaries

1119 WESTCHESTER PLACE  
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

Loreto, Sept. 10-1955

Dear Miss Emery Drake,

With the present letter we want to remember to you that the special faculty of annecting the plenary indulgence to a Crucifix, when kissing it, is not a privilege of all the Fathers of this Shrine of the Holy House, but is is a special concession which Saint Pius X granted personally to three Priests, of whom only one is still alive: our Fr. Remigius, O.F.M.Cap., Custod of the Holy House.

The Plenary Indulgence can be gained toties quoties, namely each time the Crucifix is reverently and with contrite heart kissed.

With best wishes and with the blessings of Our Blessed Mother from Her little Holy House.

Fr. Pancrazio M. da Bari  
Basilica S. Casa  
(Ancona) Loreto  
Italy





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Convento Padri Cappuccini  
Basilica S. Casa  
(Ancona) Loreto



Dear Fr. Alayseis: Sept. 13 - 1955

Sometime ago - a Mrs  
Jane Byle sent me her check for  
\$25.00 - made out to me - she wanted  
it to go to the Clautens - in  
gratitude for using my Releguay  
Crucifix (you gave me) - She is  
very ill - I understand - and  
took the Crucifix with her when  
she went back to Mayo's Clinic.  
She mailed the crucifix back to  
me - with the check enclosed.

I asked her to cancel  
that check and make out  
another payable to the Clautens.  
(It is enclosed) - I'm sure she



has no interest <sup>2</sup> in becoming a member of our Guild - She is probably too ill. you dispose of the check in whatever way you feel best.

She needs - and wants your help, Father - So I will appreciate it - if you would send her a message of some sort -

Her name and address are as follows: -

(A)





J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

Sept. 16th 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F.

Rev. Dear Father

Your good letter is always a stimulant to my poor soul my gratitude to You That You found Your dear Brother carrying on the good work for God and souls was consoling to You no doubt. as well as finding all Your relatives in good health. and Your dear Mother in Heaven watching over You all. with her prayers to the Throne of God in Your behalf.

I've made the Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows, all Your intentions were included Your novices, and Billy Sutton do You give them a religious name when professed.

I have not heard from Billy Dresser of late the last time I heard from him he was not accepted in the Dominican novitate, he seemed sad about it said he was going to teach in the high school in Haley, Idaho for this Year. said he was appointed Student Counsellor for this Year. I wrote to him to be good and pray go to Holy Communion frequently. I told him to write to You that You would give him good advice





J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

I sent him a book, the little *Three Months*, the life of  
Saint Leger, by Thomas Merton, now Father Lewis O.C.S.O.  
have you read it. I read it it is very good. I know  
he will find many helps within its pages. I did.  
Father, enclosed find a Mass offering in honor of the  
holy Family for the holy souls in purgatory especially the  
poor that died, offer it to for my niece Mary Theresse Travers  
who is in a serious condition nearly 8 months in pregnancy  
suffering from a heart condition, as well as kidney ailment  
her first baby she had an operation in order to save the  
baby, both lived now she faces a similar circumstance  
do ask Our Lord, and His holy Mother to bring her through  
safely for her children, she is very good a daily Communicant  
when she could, when well she does much Catholic action  
she expects her baby early in December. She is in Ireland  
I will always keep you and your Brother in my prayers  
I have not heard from Alberta, for some time, I feel very  
sorry for her in her handicap. do take care of yourself. keep  
well  
God & Mary love you always  
as ever your sister in J. M. J.  
Sister M. Mildreda.





J.M.F.

504 North Roxbury Drive  
Beverly Hills, California  
September 18, 1955

Dear Father Alexius,

May Our Lady of Mercy  
bless you and attain  
all the desires of your  
heart and help along all the  
Clarifications, especially your Novices.

I shall never forget the two  
days that I visited Clareville,  
for the Dedication and for  
the Ordination. I hope Our  
Lord spurs me to go there  
again.

Father, will you be so  
kind as to offer a Holy Mass  
in Honor of Our Lady that she may  
help Mamma and Anne to find  
the right place to live. I shall  
be very grateful to you.



Also Miss Wells, our friend  
at the Carmelite Monastery  
has a very sick Mother.  
She is critically ill and  
is not a Catholic. I know  
she will be glad if  
you pray for her.

Thank you for everything.

I am glad that I got to meet you  
and I hope someday to visit you.  
Also Sister Noel said you blessed the  
medals. I am very grateful to you.

It is so hard for me to get the  
music lessons fixed for the pupils.  
We have so many. I beg you to  
put me in your good prayers.  
It must be a disappointment to  
Our Dear Lord. I am so distracted  
in my prayers. So will you  
ask Our Lady of Mercy to help  
me. I am so grateful to you.

May Our Lord bless you and make  
you a great Saint of His Love.  
With great thanks, Devotedly in  
The Holy Cross, Sister Mary of the Passion



RVP. Juan Luis Elizario, C.M. 11031 MCLOS, U.S.A.  
 Sr. Juan Luis Elizario, 11031 MCLOS, U.S.A.  
 Misery y Estimado hermano: Felices Pascuas de Resurrección

Encontré en ministe los por estas simpáticas tierras de Galicia, a donde vine primeramente por la razón de la Visión General de la Coruña entre el clero regular y secular. Los Misioneros fueron 120, poniendo cada Congregación religiosa 10 de su instituto. Di la Visión en el centro de la ciudad (lugar de unos 5000 habitantes) con el P. José María Batallista, superior de la Orden de Predicadores, que me oyo hasta la fecha. La Visión resultó muy fructífera y muy sencilla y, como luego mucho más fructuosa en la interior, en la que se cumplió el plan de la Visión.

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El primer ministro, Sr. N. S. Khrushchev, en su discurso, se refirió a la "guerra fría" y a la "guerra caliente".

que pecados mortales, de esos que pertenecen al demonio Mudo. Se repito que alguien hay, se me alcanza un poder extraordinario sobre los altos, para arrancarlas del titilladero de su privilegio, cuando se hallan sueltas. Y sucedió que prepare en viveira a los niños de la Primera Comunión. Los vi tan pobres y mal vestidos en el día de su Primera Comunión, que compadecido de su pobreza y cruchas de hambre, les pregunté si en alguna parte les habían preparado desayuno. Al contestarme que no, los llevé conmigo al hotel, donde les regalé todo lo mejor que pude, acordandome de los pobres niños de Primera Comunión que tengo en San Sebastián y a quienes preparo (mediante sus catequistas) escrupulosamente, tanto en los atavíos corporales, como en los espirituales.

Cuando regresaba de Riveira a Villagarcía de Arosa en un barquito, tuve gran peligro de sumergirme con toda la tripulación, porque el barco empezó a hacer agua por una vía de agua que amenazaba hundirnos rápidamente. Tuviros que atracar apresuradamente en un muelle ordinario de pesca, porque el barco se hundía. Fué una tormenta de temporal y agitación. Primero me mareé; luego me volví a conciencia con gu. del mar, cuando me hallaba en cubierta vomitando todos los malos humores que pudiera tener en toda mi vida. Por fin, después de desembarcado, me cogió una borrasca de agua, mientras me dirigía a pie a Villagarcía, que quedaba a 6 kilómetros de distancia del punto desembarcado.

Vuelvo a Bilbao el día de Pascua. Ya me preguntarán si te he escrito o si he recibido alguna carta tuya, de esa que casi de tarde en tarde, como la lotería.

La familia está bien, en general.

Mari y Miguel en su chaletito de Ibrarrondo. Maria Luisa sigue con los crónicos dolores de cabeza y tratamientos médicos, para no conseguir otra cosa más que flojar las carnes y los bolsillos. Juan, el esposo de Maria Luisa, es el hombre feliz con casaca y todo. Juan Luischu, un modelo de joven católico. Villeros, con sus problemas





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22 de Octubre de 1955

R. P. Louis J. Bossi CMF  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles 6, Calif., USA.

Muy amado Padre:

Su carta del 14 llegó a mis manos en la noche del 19, cuando tenía que salir para nuestro Colegio de Santa Cruz, pero encargué el asunto al M. R. P. Provincial.

A mi regreso del Colegio hablé por teléfono al Hotel Bamer y me dijeron que no estaban los Señores Edwin Shipstadt. Si vierón en avión, habrán estado los tres días que V. R. dice y nosotros no lo supimos hasta que habían ya salido. De todas maneras volveré a preguntar al hotel para atenderlos, como es conveniente.

Sobre la Miss Judge me han dicho en el Hotel Reforma que llega hoy. Estaré pendiente para poder prestarle mis servicios.

Comuniqué al R. P. Geroncio Gómez de Segura (alias Francisco Quevedo) su deseo sobre muestras de medallas y creo que ya las envió a V. R.

Ruego a V. R. presente mis respetos al M. R. Provincial y mis saludos a todos los Padres de esa Comunidad, de quienes conservo tan gratos recuerdos, lo mismo que al anciano Hermano.

Sabe V. R. que con mucho gusto atenderemos lo que se les ogrezca para que nuestros bienhechores y colaboradores encuentren en todas partes la hermandad claretiana.

De V. R. afmo. atto. s. s. y hermano in C. O. M.

*José Álvarez Laso CMF*  
José Álvarez Laso CMF





J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

October 26th 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I hope You keep real well are You still at the Seminary in Los Angeles no doubt as busy as ever do keep well, all Your intentions as well as Father Joseph Mary go into my Rosary all this month I wrote You some time ago sent You a mass offering for my poor Niece who is having a difficult time with her babies because of a Rheumatic heart and a kidney ailment I have not heard from her of late. it is said no news is good news, I put her in the care of the Blessed Mother & the Sacred Heart, hoping I may receive good news, if it be the holy Will of God.

inclosed find an offering for Mass in reparation to the Sacred Heart & His Holy Mother for the poor war dead, also to spare my niece to her children, a memento for the Moore family who sent this dollar to me that they may receive the light of Faith.

Thanking You for all Your prayers & blessings  
for me Your devoted friend, in J. M. J.  
Sister M. Mildreda



# IRENE DUNNE

November 9, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius:

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your visit to Saint John's Hospital last Sunday. I know how extremely busy you are and it was perfectly wonderful of you to take the time for the visit.

If you could only know how much it has meant to my Aunt - Miss Alice Henry - I am positive that it has given her a comfort and solace she needs at this time.

We are bringing her home today, although she is still very weak.

She will not be having visitors for a while, but anytime you are going out Wilshire Boulevard I wish you would stop and say Hello to her. She lives in the first house off Wilshire on Palm Drive - 122 South Palm Drive, Beverly Hills.

Her 'phone number is CRestview 6-9531.

I do hope to see you soon, also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Irene", followed by a horizontal dash.

Rev. Father Aloysius,  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles 19, California



Nov. 18-55

Rdo. Padre Luis Ellacuria,

Recibi su grata carta, y le agradezco sus consejos, me han consolado mucho. Ya me siento mejor. Mi hija ha mejorado notablemente y se ha confesado.

Dios bendiga su Orden por haber fundado esta milagrosa Luga de Misas Perpetuas que son fuente de tanto bienestar espiritual.

Le envio dos dollars para mi hija Clare, 10 años, que piensa ser "Clarisa Pobre" si Dios quiere. Le encomiendo tambien mucho a mi hijo Anthony, seminarista Franciscano en Santa Barbara, y mi pequena Teresa, 6 años.

Dios le bendiga por santo y Español.

Su affma. en Christo  
Luisa Dell



Galdácano 12-6-55.

R. P. Aloysius Ellacuría.

Mi queridísimo e inolvidable tío:

Aunque me considero indigno, por mis ofensas a Dios y mi ingratitud para contigo, te escribo, con el deseo de que sea para tí una alegría el recibir noticias de tu familia. Anteayer recibí tu carta enviada por medio del Sr. Consul del Perú, y no sabes cuán grande fue mi alegría y mi ilusión al reconocer tu letra. La emoción me embargó de tal forma, que quisiere poder enviarte en esta misiva, una de las lágrimas que fluyeron a mis ojos. Besé tu carta, porque la había estado entre tus manos, aunque hubiese preferido besarlas personalmente, arrodillado ante tus plantas, para implorar tu perdón. Ruega mucho por nosotros, pobres pecadores, para que el Señor, compadeciéndose de nuestra miseria nos envíe las gracias necesarias para salvarnos.

Ayer hablé por teléfono con el Sr. Consul a Barcelona. Me transmitió tus saludos, y me dijo que, cuando le toque visitar Bilbao, tendría mucho gusto en saludarnos personalmente. Qué lástima que este Señor no estuvo aquí hace 5 años; quizá no se hubiese frustrado nuestro proyectado viaje a Norteamérica. En fin, como Dios lo quiso así, sería lo que más me convenía en aquel momento. Muy simpático y amable este Señor, y se ve que te tiene un afecto especial para tí. Me dijo que habías olvidado,



que seguías preparando noticias (muy bien por cierto) que estabas muy contento y que me saludaba de tu parte. ¿Por qué eres tan bueno acordándote de mí, si yo no sé pagártelo ni con gratitud que es tan fácil?

La emoción que toda mi familia experimentó' fue enorme, después de tanto tiempo que nos faltaban tus noticias. Siempre que tío Prechu nos visitaba, la misma pregunta al mismo: ¿Sabes algo de tío Aloysio? La respuesta siempre la misma decoradora. No.

Qué gran sacrificio para ti, no mantener correspondencia, cuando estoy seguro, es lo que más te agrada. ¿Me equivoco? ¿Verdad que no?

Mi amacha me dice que fidas, para que no sea tan escrupulosa, pues ve faltas hasta en la copa. Tú ya me entiendes. Es un caso.

Por más que le reprocha su confesor, por más que nosotros intentemos quitarla muchas cosas, imposible. Después quien que fidas por la salud de todos (aunque creo, no, estoy convencido que ya lo haces). En fin, pide sobre todo por nuestra salud espiritual. Ahora tú me dirás: ¿y qué me daís vosotros. La te lo he dicho muy, terrible; ingratitud. Solo no salva una cosa: "tu perdón"

Recibe los saludos afectuosos de toda tu familia, y especialmente, un abrazo muy fuerte de tu sobrino que te quiere

Juan Luis



**BENSON-QUINN Co.**  
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RUPERT M. QUINN  
PRESIDENT

December 13, 1955

Dear Father Ellacuria

This morning I received some very happy news. Sr. Miriam has been elected Prioress of Carmel of St Teresa in Alhambra.

I would like nothing more than to be able to assist in a new foundation. In 1947 I talked with Archbishop Murray and at that time received no encouragement. Since however a Carmel has been established in St Paul and the Poor Clares established a community in Minneapolis.

I do want to thank you + those assisting in the memorial Mass for my father. May this Christmas be a most happy & holy one for you. Your prayers for Sr. Miriam will help her to carry on her duties for the best interests of the Community.

Sincerely  
Rupert M. Quinn



Faldácano 21-12-55  
L. F. Juan Luis de Elacurra.

Mi muy querido tío:

No quiero que acabe este año, sin antes haberte felicitado las Escuelas de Navidad y desearte de todo corazón que el nuevo año sea para ti tan fructífero en felicidad y en gracia como los anteriores. Que el Señor nos siga ayudando por tu mediación como hasta ahora. Aunque te resulte desagradable, una vez más te suplico que ruegues mucho por todos nosotros a Cristo, aunque sé que ya lo haces. Ruega especialmente por mis aitachus, por mis hermanas, por mi unido, por mi novia y sus padres y por este pobre pecador, que necesita mucho de tu oración y muchísimo de la gracia de Dios. Las cosas, ~~están~~ aquí siguen como siempre. No he vuelto a saber nada del cónsul, después de su llegada a España. Cada vez que tío José viene a casa le preguntamos, si sabe algo del tío Aloysius y siempre la misma contestación. No! Aquel es un santo y por algo no escribirá. Lo sigo trabajando en una fábrica de plásticos de aquí, de faldácano. En cuanto a mi vida espiritual, pues no puedo decirte nada que tú no sepas. Para intentar mejorarla, hemos hecho Ejercicios Espirituales en Lofola con los jesuitas, mi novia y yo. Pero aún no es



todo lo buena que debiera ser. Nuestra ~~pequeña~~  
es muy grande, y necesitamos mucho de la ayuda  
del Señor. Tú no sé si me comprenderás, (aunque  
creo que sí) o te repugnaré por mi condición  
de pecador. Por eso mi insistencia, tío querido,  
en que no ceses de rogar por nosotros. Cuanto  
nos agradaría, aunque sea por mediación de  
otra persona saber algo de tu vida, aunque  
será mucho más maravilloso poder recibir  
tu carta. No te lo pido tío, porque sé que  
si no lo haces, debes tener una razón muy  
poderosa, pero si fuera posible.....

Recibe el saludo más cordial de toda  
tu familia, y el abrazo más fuerte y más  
carinoso de tu sobrino que mucho te quiere  
Juan Luis



J. M. J.

Motherhouse  
Xavier, Kansas

Reverend Father Aloysius:

Reverend and dear Father:

O! Blessed Christmas

Morn!

It is now 1:30 A.M. December 25th.  
No doubt you are having mid-night  
Mass at the Seminary. On account  
of it being too hard on some of the older  
members of the Community we are not  
having mid-night Mass. Our first Mass  
is at 5:00 A.M. Solemn High, followed by  
several low Mass, a high Mass at 8:00 A.M.  
also I think a low Mass at 9:00 A.M.

I am on night duty here at the  
Motherhouse. We do not have very many  
of the older Sisters as patients, there  
are three I help dress for Mass in the  
mornings. I check on them quiet often  
during the night.

One of the members is 98 years old.  
Father she really amazes me. She certainly  
has a high place in Heaven. Since I have



been here she has missed Mass three mornings. About two weeks ago she fell and broke her arm in three places. Every other morning she rises about 4:30 - 4:45 A.M. always ready to get up, never says she would like to sleep a little longer, she is at morning prayers at 5:30 A.M. She is hard of hearing, has never worn glasses in her life, her eye sight has been good until lately but she continues to read. She is a very spiritual person.

Father, I am enclosing a Mass stipend, will you kindly offered the Mass New Year's Day is possible for my sister's (Nellie Tilton) intention, this is my Christmas present to her.

Wishing you a most Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year.

I need prayers very much for myself. No doubt the dear Lord has let you know I need them.

May the Divine Infant thru the Immaculate Heart of Mary bestow His choice blessing upon you. Gratefully, Sister Mary Eunice



J.M. + J.I. Carmel of St. Joseph  
3361 E. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach 3, Cal.  
Sunday.

Pax Christi!

Dear Father Aloysius,

Reverend Mother has asked me to write to you for her, asking your prayers. Would you have the charity, personally, to make a novena for her very special and urgent intention.

I am glad to have this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for me, your coming down here to get me all set for my profession, and bringing the boys, and especially for your prayers. I am sure Ruth has reported fully. I am still walking on a pink cloud. Only pray that I don't come down with a dull thud! I received such a nice letter from Donald Eggleston. If you see him will you thank him, and tell him I received what he was praying for.

Reverend Mother will write to you very soon. God reward you for your prayers, and please don't forget me, Ruth and so badly in need.

Yours faithfully in Christ.  
Sister Mary D.C.



J. M. J.  
St Marys  
Notre Dame, Ind.

Dear Father Abpysius.

Just a message  
to tell you I often  
think of you  
and like to feel  
that you are  
praying for me.

At your  
convenience will



you kindly say  
a mass for my  
spiritual improvement.

Wishing you all  
the joy of this  
holy season  
I am

Sincerely in the  
Sacred Heart

Sister Marie Cile.



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Mary, My Queen, My Mother,  
remember I am Thine own; keep  
me and guard me as Thy property  
and possession!



J. M. J.

Holy Rosary School  
Woodland, California

Aug. '55

Rev. Father Aloysius  
Dear Father,

I did so want to come to visit you before I left but, things seemed so rushed and so involved that I just didn't get to it.

My new assignment for this year is to be Superior here at Woodland. I thought I would have a few years of just being a teacher and not a superior. But, I guess God wanted me here.

As you remember, this place, or at least, a part of it burned down about three years ago. It used to be a boarding school. There is a big building program for this year;



Holy Rosary School  
Woodland, California

It is for a convent and a school. Things are rather in a turmoil at present.

Please pray for me and for our little household; there are ten of us.

Please offer a Holy Mass each First Friday as near as possible - for our Sisters here - for the next ten months. Also, please offer two Holy Masses for Sister Maria, deceased and two for Sister Ethlin, deceased.

Thank you for all your kindness to me.

May God bless you always - more abundantly.

Sincerely,

Sister Dorothy Mary



6448 Rutland Ave  
Arlington Calif  
9-8-55

Dear Father Aloysius:

Many Many thanks  
for your prayers and  
Masses for my Recovery  
from this dread  
disease.

Outwardly the wound  
seems worse but  
inwardly I do feel  
better. However I  
do need more Faith  
More Courage, more  
Hope.

~~Now~~ Now you please  
Continue your Prayers  
especially at the Elevation  
of your Masses. Ask  
Our Heavenly Father  
to accept my anguish  
along with that of ~~me~~



His Son in Reparation  
for my sins for the  
Poor Souls in  
Purgatory that they  
may be loosened  
from there.

You told me not  
to have any more  
X-ray and now I am  
a little Confused as  
I ~~feel~~ <sup>think</sup> Our Lord  
works his miracles  
many times through  
the knowledge and  
skill he has placed  
in the minds + hands  
of his earthly physicians.  
I am to report to  
my doctor in Los  
Angeles Friday Sept  
16th and will  
see you on that day



to request your Prayers  
and Blessings.

Please Continue to  
Pray for my physical  
recovery and also my  
spiritual welfare.

I see These Healers  
on T. V. Curing the  
sick of Cancer and  
other ailments.

I know that if ~~they~~  
can do it, You with  
your many sacrifices  
Prayers and your  
humility stand a far  
greater Change with  
the Divine Healing  
Agency than any  
of the others.

So Please let's not



give up.  
I will pray too for  
you so that our  
Blessed Saviour will  
Bless you and Sanctify  
you and your Wonderful  
work.

I took care of the  
sick for the last  
30 years Father and  
I would like to spend  
the Balance of my  
life in Prayer and  
Devotion to Our  
Lord & His Blessed  
Mother. However if  
I do attain a real  
Physical Cure I  
promise to go back  
to Nursing again.

Please remember  
me in your daily



Prayers Asking God  
to help me.

Very Sincerely Yours  
in Christ's Mercy.

Mrs Mary Hamilton

P.S. Enclosed is  
an offering to help  
carry on your great  
work for souls.  
M.T.N.



J.M.J.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 55

Rev. Aloysius Bellacchia C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I was waiting that You might drop me a line from Your new Seminary before writing to You as I am only guessing at the address of that new place.

Now I must tell You how I found out about Your new Seminary. I made the Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Her Feast August 22<sup>nd</sup> and added Saint Anthony M. Clare to intercede to Her to get You Your Novitiate away from the city noise

on the 21<sup>st</sup> that was Sunday one of the Sisters brought me the Brooklyn Tablet as I opened it a part of the paper fell out I picked it up and glancing over the page I came to the column, the heading read the Claretons dedicate I read it with interest

You may be sure, truly Father nothing ever gave me so much happiness since my profession day



2  
as that news truly were I near You I could  
put my arms around You with sheer joy see  
what the Blessed <sup>mother</sup> can do, may She be Blessed and  
honored always, the next thought came to my  
mind why not have the dedication on Her Feast  
then the thought came to mind You would  
Celebrate solemn High mass in Her Honor in the  
new Chapel on Her Feast Day. Oh I pictured You  
how happy You must be on that occasion

Truly Father that date of August 22nd I will  
never forget. I was to mass in the wheel chair  
and have been every day Thank God.

my strength is returning I would be out were  
it not for a swollen left leg & foot, it ahs to be  
slowly getting better please Father ask Our Lady  
to cure it for me so I can walk to the Chapel where  
we are privileged to have perpetual Adoration there You  
will share in my prayers as You always do and  
all Your novices.



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Now Father I hope You will erect an out door Shrine of Saint Anthony M. Claret as well as many shrines all over Your grounds to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to protect Your home & surroundings from earthquakes, wind storms, Thunders, lightning and Fires. We had some terrific Thunder & lightning here this summer, lightning hit a Cross on one of the buildings here knocked it over its weight took a corner of the building <sup>with it</sup>, strange as it may seem a statue of Our Blessed Mother in a niche nearby in that same build she was never touched thanks to Her always.

now I must stop and not keep You, as I know how busy You are, take care of Your self keep well when You have a spare time tell me about Your new home, my hand shake excuse my mistakes Thank You for all Your good prayers in my behalf God & Mary love & bless You and Your charges always

Devotedly Your Sister in Christ in Holy Cross  
Sister M. Miledreda (over)



Find inclosed an Offering in Honor of the  
Sacred Heart + Immaculate Heart of Mary  
in Thanksgiving for safe delivery for my niece  
and also to thank You for Your prayers in her  
behalf. Thank You Father.



Monday, Oct. 17, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius:-

Enclosed is the 5.00 for Masses for the repose of the soul of Bernice Brannan - I believe Stephanie wrote or called you about it. I am sorry to be so late getting the check in the mail but the past week has been hectic.

Also, I am sorry I had to miss the Guild last Saturday - I was making a retreat at the Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands.

Thank you for all your many kindnesses to Betty Doyle. I have been very worried about her that she would have another nervous breakdown. I feel confident that your prayers and blessings will pull her through. She seemed much better today when I talked with her.

God bless and reward you for all you have done for all of us. We



appreciate it deeply but cant find  
words adequate enough to express  
what we feel.

Sincerely,

Mary de Solenni

M. J. Semoele



4603 Mayfield Ave.  
Montrose, Calif.  
October 24, 1955

Reverend Abysius Ellucaria  
Clarikin Father  
Los Angeles

Reverend and dear Father,  
Enclosed is a stipend.  
Will you please offer the  
Holy Sacrifice of the mass  
for the repose of the souls  
of my parents - Mary and  
Edward Moran.

Once again I have some  
pressing and important  
intentions which I should



like to seek your good  
prayers for Divine Guidance  
in our behalf.

We are in dire need of  
one more of those miraculous  
interventions of Divine  
Providence.

Mr. Barker is out of work  
and seeking employment.  
I have been teaching some  
music in my home and  
now my neighbor has  
reported this as a law  
violation so of necessity  
we have been forced to  
put our house up for sale



and must find another location to live. We have been contemplating a move to Santa Barbara.

May I beg your good prayers and intercession before the throne of Almighty God that He will hear our prayers miraculously in bestowing light and guidance now in our moments of trial.

We have felt the benefit of your good prayers which we have sought in the past. I shall let you know immediately our prayers have been answered.

Sincerely in C. J.  
Margaret Barker



Friday A.M.

MRS. ELMER E. BEESLEY

1821 Lobdell Place - Los Angeles 26, California

My dear Fr. Aloysius:

Your lovely letter received  
last night on my return from a visit with  
my son & his family in San Diego & Nevada.  
I just read the beautiful cards which  
you enclosed & especially loved the one  
of the Mother Mary with the protection  
cover of a telephone on it <sup>called "my Rosary"</sup> as I read them  
all thru it was as a great shaft of power  
or spiritual force went thru my body  
like a bolt of lightning - it was so  
powerful my first thought was - "There is a  
great spiritual force coming from  
this letter." God bless you Fr. Aloysius  
in the wonderful work you are



Along I also received the Diploma  
sent by Mr. Leare. It is very beautiful  
& I appreciate & respect the love &  
appreciation that prompted this gracious  
gift - but I feel I am not worthy of  
such honor - I hope to be able to send  
donations regularly, but it will all  
depend on how fortunate I shall be  
in getting this money placed so  
as to bring in income.

I worried & fretted about it all  
till one day the Lord came to me.

"God brot this to you from no effort  
or work on your part. He knows.  
All the way from Texas a man was



2  
found who wanted a lot in Salt  
Lake - an un-brown boy - not  
even a real-estate dealer -  
came to you - told you he had  
a friend in Texas - he told the  
friend of this lot - telephoned you  
from Salt Lake - this whole thing  
was the hand of God - you had  
no hand in it. So trust God -  
leave it to Him - He will work it  
out. Don't worry a plan. God  
will let you know His will -  
when he ~~is~~ ready. Ask him to pray  
for wisdom & guidance to know  
to follow God's will.



Again thanking you for blessing  
 & with all my love & devotion to a  
 true son of God I remain

Privately

Jim Bentley



# Irene Dunne

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**Irene Dunne** (December 20, 1898 – September 4, 1990) was an American film actress and singer of the 1930s, 1940s and early 1950s. Dunne was nominated five times for the Academy Award for Best Actress, for her performances in *Cimarron* (1931), *Theodora Goes Wild* (1936), *The Awful Truth* (1937), *Love Affair* (1939) and *I Remember Mama* (1948). In 1985, Dunne was given Kennedy Center Honors for her services to the arts.

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## Irene Dunne



from the film *Love Affair* (1939)

<b>Born</b>	Irene Marie Dunn December 20, 1898 Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.
<b>Died</b>	September 4, 1990 (aged 91) Los Angeles, California, U.S.
<b>Occupation</b>	Actress
<b>Years active</b>	1922–1962
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Francis Dennis Griffin (m. 1928; died 1965)
<b>Children</b>	Mary Frances (b.1934) adopted <sup>[1]</sup>



## Early life

Born **Irene Marie Dunn** in Louisville, Kentucky, to Joseph Dunn, a steamboat inspector for the United States government, and Adelaide Henry, a concert pianist/music teacher from Newport, Kentucky. Irene Dunne would later write, "No triumph of either my stage or screen career has ever rivalled the excitement of trips down the Mississippi on the river boats with my father." She was only eleven when her father died in 1909. She saved all of his letters and often remembered and lived by what he told her the night before he died: "Happiness is never an accident. It is the prize we get when we choose wisely from life's great stores."<sup>[2]</sup>

After her father's death, Irene, her mother, and her younger brother Charles moved to her mother's hometown of Madison, Indiana. Dunne's mother taught her to play the piano as a very small girl. According to Dunne, "Music was as natural as breathing in our house."<sup>[2]</sup> Dunne was raised as a devout Roman Catholic.<sup>[3]</sup> Nicknamed "Dunnie," she took piano and voice lessons, sang in local churches and high school plays before her graduation in 1916.

Dunne earned a diploma to teach art, but took a chance on a contest and won a prestigious scholarship to the Chicago Musical College, where she graduated in 1926. With a soprano voice,<sup>[4]</sup> she had hopes of becoming an opera singer, but did not pass the audition with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

## Career

Irene, after adding an "e" to her surname, turned to musical theater, making her Broadway debut in 1922 in Zelda Sears's *The Clinging Vine*.<sup>[5]</sup> The following year, Dunne played a season of light opera in Atlanta, Georgia. Though in her own words Dunne created "no great furor", by 1929 she had a successful Broadway career playing leading roles, grateful to be at center stage rather than in the chorus line. In July 1928, Dunne married Francis Griffin, a New York dentist,<sup>[6]</sup> whom she had met in 1924 at a supper dance in New York. Despite differing opinions and battles that raged furiously,<sup>[2]</sup> Dunne eventually agreed to marry him and leave the theater.

Dunne's role as Magnolia Hawks in Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II's *Show Boat* was the result of a chance meeting with showman Florenz Ziegfeld in an elevator the day she returned from her honeymoon. She was discovered by Hollywood while starring with the road company of *Show Boat*<sup>[7]</sup> in 1929. She signed a contract with RKO and appeared in her first movie in 1930, *Leathernecking*, a film version of the musical *Present Arms*. Already in her thirties when she made her first film, she would be in competition with younger actresses for roles, and found it advantageous to evade questions that would reveal her age. Her publicists encouraged the belief that she was born in 1901 or 1904, and the former is the date engraved on her tombstone.<sup>[7]</sup>

Dunne moved to Hollywood with her mother and brother and maintained a long-distance marriage with her husband in New York until he joined her in California in 1936. That year, she re-created her role as Magnolia in what is considered the classic film version of the famous musical *Show Boat*, directed by James Whale. (Edna Ferber's novel, on which the musical is based, had already been filmed as a part-talkie in 1929, and the musical would be remade in Technicolor in 1951, but the 1936 film is considered by most critics and many film buffs to be the definitive motion picture version.)



During the 1930s and 1940s, Dunne blossomed into a popular screen heroine in movies such as the original *Back Street* (1932) and the original *Magnificent Obsession* (1935). The first of three films she made opposite Charles Boyer, *Love Affair* (1939) is perhaps one of her best known. She starred, and sang "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", in the 1935 Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers film version of the musical *Roberta*.

Dunne was apprehensive about attempting her first comedy role, as the title character in *Theodora Goes Wild* (1936), but discovered that she enjoyed it.<sup>[8]</sup> She turned out to possess an aptitude for comedy, with a flair for combining the elegant and the madcap, a quality she displayed in such films as *The Awful Truth* (1937) and *My Favorite Wife* (1940), both co-starring Cary Grant. Other notable roles include Julie Gardiner Adams in *Penny Serenade* (1941) (once again opposite Grant), Anna Leonowens in *Anna and the King of Siam* (1946), Lavinia Day in *Life with Father* (1947), and Marta Hanson in *I Remember Mama* (1948). In *The Mudlark* (1950), she was nearly unrecognizable under heavy makeup as Queen Victoria.

Dunne retired from the screen in 1952, after the comedy *It Grows on Trees*. The following year, she was the opening act on the 1953 March of Dimes showcase in New York City. While in town, she made an appearance as the mystery guest on *What's My Line?*<sup>[9]</sup> She also made television performances on *Ford Theatre*, *General Electric Theater*, and the *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*, continuing to act until 1962.

In 1952-53, Dunne played newspaper editor Susan Armstrong in the radio program *Bright Star*. The syndicated 30-minute comedy-drama also starred Fred MacMurray.<sup>[10]</sup>

Dunne commented in an interview that she had lacked the "terrifying ambition" of some other actresses and said, "I drifted into acting and drifted out. Acting is not everything. Living is."<sup>[11]</sup>

## Later life

Dunne was present at Disneyland on "Dedication Day" in 1955 and was asked by Walt Disney to christen the Mark Twain River Boat, which she did with a bottle filled with water from several major rivers across the United States.

In 1957, President Eisenhower appointed Dunne one of five alternative U.S. delegates to the United Nations in recognition of her interest in international affairs and Roman Catholic and Republican causes.<sup>[12]</sup> In her retirement, she devoted herself primarily to civic, philanthropic, and Republican political causes.<sup>[13]</sup> In 1965, she became a board member of Technicolor, the first woman ever elected to the board of directors.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Personal life



Dunne and Melvyn Douglas in *Theodora Goes Wild* promotional poster (1936)



Dunne remained married to Dr. Francis Griffin until his death on October 15, 1965. They lived in Holmby Hills, California in a Southern plantation-style mansion they designed. They had one daughter, Mary Frances (née Anna Mary Bush), who was adopted in 1938 from the New York Foundling Hospital, run by the Sisters of Charity of New York.<sup>[15]</sup> Both she and her husband were members of the Knights of Malta.

Dunne was a devout Catholic who became a daily communicant. She was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Motion Picture Guild in Beverly Hills, California.<sup>[16]</sup> She was good friends with actress Loretta Young and remained close to others like Jimmy Stewart.<sup>[17]</sup>

One of Dunne's last public appearances was in April 1985, when she attended the dedication of a bust in her honor at St. John's (Roman Catholic) Hospital in Santa Monica, California, for which her foundation, The Irene Dunne Guild, had raised more than \$20 million. The Irene Dunne Guild remains "instrumental in raising funds to support programs and services at St. John's" hospital in Santa Monica.<sup>[18]</sup>

Death

Dunne died at her Holmby Hills home in Los Angeles on September 4, 1990 and is entombed in the Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles. Her personal papers are housed at the University of Southern California. She was survived by her daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Awards and nominations

Dunne has been described as the best actress never to win an Academy Award.<sup>[19]</sup> She received five Best Actress nominations during her career: for *Cimarron* (1931), *Theodora Goes Wild* (1936), *The Awful Truth* (1937), *Love Affair* (1939) and *I Remember Mama* (1948).



Crypt of Irene Dunne at Calvary Cemetery (notice incorrect birth year)

She was named to the International Best Dressed List Hall of Fame in 1958.<sup>[20]</sup> Other honors include the Laetare Medal from Notre Dame University in 1949, the Bellarmine Medal from Bellarmine College in 1965 and Colorado's Women of Achievement in 1968. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6440 Hollywood Blvd. and displays in the Warner Bros. Museum and Center for Motion Picture Study.<sup>[21]</sup>

Filmography

Feature films

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1930	<i>Leatherneking</i>	Delphine Witherspoon	
	<i>Cimarron</i>	Sabra Cravat	Nominated—Academy Award for Best Actress
			Film produced for charity by the Masquers



**IRENE DUNNE**

RIOTOUS  
ROMANTIC  
COMEDY!

**THEODORA  
GOES WILD**

**MELVYN  
DOUGLAS**

SCREEN PLAY BY ROBERT ROSSITER  
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY RICHARD BOESCHLAWSKI

COLUMBIA  
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THOMAS WITCHELL • THURSTON HALL  
PRODUCED BY KEITH SPRING BIRINGTON



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- Irene Dunne (<http://www.filmreference.com/Actors-and-Actresses-Da-Ea/Dunne-Irene.html>) Film Reference by Jeanine Basinger
- Real Movie Stars (<http://www.stanford.edu/~brooksie/Stars/Irene.html>) – Stanford University
- Photographs of Irene Dunne (<http://film.virtual-history.com/person.php?personid=576>)
- Indiana Historical Marker for Irene Dunne in Madison, Indiana (<http://www.in.gov/history/3741.htm>)



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1938	<i>Lux Radio Theater</i>	<i>Theodora Goes Wild</i>
1939	<i>Lux Radio Theater</i>	<i>The Sisters</i>
1940	<i>Lux Radio Theater</i>	<i>Love Affair</i>
1940	<i>Lux Radio Theater</i>	<i>Show Boat</i>
1941	<i>The Screen Guild Theater</i>	<i>My Favorite Wife</i>
1941	<i>Lux Radio Theater</i>	Unfinished Business
1941	<i>The Screen Guild Theater</i>	<i>Penny Serenade</i>
1941	The Cavalcade Of America	<i>Cimmarron</i>
1946	<i>Lux Radio Theatre</i>	<i>Together Again</i> <sup>[23]</sup>
1952	<i>Family Theater</i>	<i>The Crossroads of Christmas</i> <sup>[24]</sup>

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	<i>Together Again</i>	Anne Crandall	
1945	<i>Over 21</i>	Paula "Polly" Wharton	
1946	<i>Anna and the King of Siam</i>	Anna Owens	
1947	<i>Life with Father</i>	Vinnie Day	
1948	<i>I Remember Mama</i>	Martha "Mama" Hanson	Nominated—Academy Award for Best Actress
1950	<i>Never a Dull Moment</i>	Kay Kingsley Heyward	
	<i>The Mudlark</i>	Queen Victoria	
1951	<i>You Can Change the World</i>	Herself	film produced by The Christophers
1952	<i>It Grows on Trees</i>	Polly Baxter	

## Television

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## In popular culture

In the *Mad Men* Season2 episode, "Maidenform", Peggy Olson questions her male colleagues' categorizations of women as "Marilyns" or "Jackies" and asks which she is. Ken Cosgrove quips that she's Gertrude Stein, and the younger men laugh. Don Draper quickly counters that Peggy is Irene Dunne, which Freddy Rumsen supports with, "I love Irene Dunne".<sup>[22]</sup>

According to Francis Ford Coppola's audio commentary on *Bram Stokers Dracula*, Columbia used Dunne's image on the familiar logo.

## Radio appearances



1931	<i>The Slippery Pearls</i>	Herself	Club
	<i>Bachelor Apartment</i>	Helene Andrews	
	<i>The Great Lover</i>	Diana Page	
	<i>Consolation Marriage</i>	Mary Brown Porter	
	<i>Symphony of Six Million</i>	Jessica	
1932	<i>Back Street</i>	Ray Smith	
	<i>Thirteen Women</i>	Laura Stanhope	
	<i>No Other Woman</i>	Anna Stanley	
	<i>The Secret of Madame Blanche</i>	Sally Sanders St. John	
1933	<i>The Silver Cord</i>	Christina Phelps	
	<i>Ann Vickers</i>	Ann Vickers	
	<i>If I Were Free</i>	Sarah Cazenove	
	<i>This Man Is Mine</i>	Tony Dunlap	
1934	<i>Stingaree</i>	Hilda Bouverie	
	<i>The Age of Innocence</i>	Countess Ellen Olenska	
	<i>Sweet Adeline</i>	Adeline "Addie" Schmidt	
	<i>Roberta</i>	Stephanie	
1935	<i>Magnificent Obsession</i>	Helen Hudson	
	<i>Show Boat</i>	Magnolia Hawks	
1936	<i>Theodora Goes Wild</i>	Theodora Lynn/Caroline Adams	Nominated— Academy Award for Best Actress
	<i>High, Wide, and Handsome</i>	Sally Watterson	
1937	<i>The Awful Truth</i>	Lucy Warriner	Nominated— Academy Award for Best Actress
1938	<i>Joy of Living</i>	Margaret "Maggie" Garret	
	<i>Love Affair</i>	Terry Mckay	Nominated— Academy Award for Best Actress
1939	<i>Invitation to Happiness</i>	Eleanor Wayne	
	<i>When Tomorrow Comes</i>	Helen Lawrence	
1940	<i>My Favorite Wife</i>	Ellen Arden	
1941	<i>Penny Serenade</i>	Julie Gardiner Adams	
	<i>Unfinished Business</i>	Nancy Andrews	
1942	<i>Lady in a Jam</i>	Jane Palmer	
1943	<i>Show Business at War</i>	Herself	
	<i>A Guy Named Joe</i>	Dorinda Durston	
1944	<i>The White Cliffs of Dover</i>	Susan Dunn	



J.M.J.

2116 N. Frederic St.

Burbank, Calif.

Nov. 2, 1955

Dear Rev. Father Aloysious:-

Mrs Anna Byrd told me at last Mystical Rose Guild that she had never received her husbands enrollment in the Perpetual Mass League. She gave it to me soon after you first gave me charge of it. And I am quite sure I sent it to you. Have you anyway of checking it to see if I did ? I believe his name is Robert Byrd (deceased) She had just received her own enrollment given at your last guild meeting. And that is why she wondered about his. You just might have sent it to me and I misssat placed it, or neglected to give it to her. I'm very sorry to put you to this trouble.

It seems such a long time since I have seen you. I was working the day you were out here last, and truly missed my little Retreat. So am anxiously looking forward to Nov. 19th. Had to give up work for a time at least, my enlarged heart kicked up again. It seems I can't take pressure and meeting deadlines.

Sincerely in the Maternal Heart of Mary,

*Ila B. Ruttan*

*P.S. You will be happy to know Larry is teaching catechism Sun. to the 8th grade public school boys. And loves it!*



**ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL  
HELENA, MONTANA**

November 5, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Sister Mary Victoria asked me to  
send you \$25.00 to be used for your Novitiate.  
She also requests that you have the Novices  
pray for a special intention. We have a  
building project started and are having a  
difficult time making any progress with it.

Please keep us in your prayers, Father.

In His Sacred Heart,

*Sister del Rey*



**ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL  
HELENA, MONTANA**

November 4, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius,

Would you please have the Holy  
Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the  
following intentions:

- 1 - Special intention of  
Mrs. Theresa Stewart
- 1 - Anniversary of death 11/25  
Mrs. Anne McGloin

Thank you, Father.

In His Sacred Heart,

*Sister del Rey*



October 31, 1955

Dear Father Ellacuria

I have been very negligent in not acknowledging receipt of the religious receipt. I wear it at all times & pray that my family as well as I may have the same grace & humility of my father.

This anniversary is almost here — Nov 14 - While time deals a loss to a certain degree I shall always remember his fine Character — his desire to have his family be always true to their faith for which I am very grateful.

I will appreciate your saying another Mass for him & while I feel as you do that he is in heaven this offering will help some soul in purgatory.

I am indeed grateful for your prayers and many kindnesses. Sincerely  
Robert M. Quinn



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Nov. 11, 1955

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Dear Father Aloysius CMF,

Just a few lines to express my appreciation for all that you have done in regards to my vocation, especially in this thanks due to you now that I have begun the important steps leading immediately to the Sacred Priesthood, by having received the Subdiaconate. I am very happy in this new life, for which I want to thank Almighty God, Our Blessed Mother and Holy



Founder. It presents opportunities of fulfilling  
a persons highest aspirations - to praise God  
and pray for oneself and one's fellow men. How  
happy I am now for persevering in my vocation  
thanks be to the Grace of Christ & the intercession  
of Our Blessed Mother. It certainly is worth every  
sacrifice to arrive to ones goal. Now all I can do  
is to try to make myself as worthy as possible (though  
of course this ideal can hardly be fully realized) for  
the Holy Priesthood and the important life and work which  
lies ahead. - Be assured then of my appreciation for  
all that you have done for me and are continuing to  
do by your prayers. I shall remember you & your  
nones & postulants often in the Divine Office.  
Sincerely yours in Corde Matris,  
Frank Ambrosi CMF.



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J.M.J.  
The Judge Memorial Convent  
650 South Eleventh East Street  
Salt Lake City 2, Utah  
Nov. 13th

Dear Father Aloysius,

When I saw you last Easter Monday before going to northern California, you told me that something would come into my life that I would not like too well and I presumed it would be something asked of me while I was in Redwood city. Of course I had to take over the Second Grade for a week for one of the Sisters who became ill and that was trying but now I am going through a phase which is very trying. This cycle of five or six days comes around monthly and I find it very difficult to combat the tears, depression and irritableness that grasps me these days. I am wondering if this is what you meant. Naturally at this time I find my self closer to God or rather more conscious of Him during the days and sleepless-restless nights and I have such a tremendous desire for human consolation which I have thought I could get from just talking over the thing even, with a Sister friend of eighteen years but since my arrival here in Salt Lake she has very definitely put me on the shelf to a certain degree and things are just on the surface with us. All this is better, I know, and it is what she wants. Each time I see her I think that I can ask her to lay the cards on the table with me but then I dread unpleasantness and I know from her personality that she always has an excuse for what she does and contradicts herself so often. This does not help my emotions. I have offered it all to God and for the Holy Souls, especially for those in Purgatory for the same sins of which I probably have not done sufficient reparation. I do not want to waste one bit of this opportunity but on the other hand, it is really



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rugged on the nerves. I am afraid to seek human consolation else where for fear of hurting any other Sister in her spiritual progress. Goodness knows, I have enough to account for in myself. What is the saying, "Misery loves company".... but I do want to be adult and religious about it all. I experience such a "sense of fear" during this trial and I just beg God to keep my mind balanced. I have read a bit and heard about the "dark night of the soul" and wonder if this is a taste of it. I feel just like St. Margaret Mary when she asked God where He was during her plight and He answered that he was right with her. I have just no heart in my work this year. Of course I didn't last year either but there seemed to be such a very evident reason for it then. If you can give me the least bit of encouragement or advice I will be most happy for it. I do beg your prayers for me that I can grow spiritually with this little cross but to know how to cope with it, I am not so sure of that. I am remembering you in my prayers and beg God to give you light on this matter.

May your Thanksgiving be a delightful one. We have had a beautifully colorful Fall here in Salt Lake and two snow falls since Nov. 1st. I have a large music class and a bit of a difficult glee club for I do not find it easy to teach high school boys. Our Provincial wrote me that she hoped I would be able to foster some Holy Cross vocations here but I have no heart in that either. I know you will pray for me.

Yours devotedly in the Holy Cross,

*Sister M. Eugene*



Nov. 14 - 35-

Mr. Moyine  
Claretian Missionaries  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Reverend and dear Father,

Your letter of November 5, was  
deeply appreciated.

How kind of you to mention  
that Fr. Cecer would be  
of assistance to us if we so  
desired! Truly I had to  
reread this statement several  
times to realize it fully because  
never before in my life had  
I been offered the services  
of a priest (of course, excluding  
the services at church).

How I wish I could avail  
ourselves of this kind service!



First of all I am writing to tell you of the miraculous answer to the first of my three intentions for which I solicited your good prayers.

Last week we sold our home for cash — a truly miraculous event — I believe. Why do we ever doubt the intercession of Divine Providence in our behalf? We are humbly and deeply grateful for your good prayers which, I am sure, have helped to bring about this answer.

Now we desire to move to Santa Barbara and are faced with the other huge



task of trying to find a  
desirable home within  
our price range. Mr. Barker  
has left for there this  
morning to seek such a  
home as we must move  
from here December 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
This gives us but little  
time to find such a transaction  
unless the Holy Ghost will  
guide us to such a spot.  
Of ourselves we are helpless  
to uncover such a deal  
but with the help of your  
good prayers before the  
Altar and the Blessed Sacrament  
I am sure God will continue  
to enlighten our minds and



guide our steps toward the solution of this problem.

Will you please continue to remember us in your frequent and devout prayers?

The next and probably the most important matter is that Mr. Barker can find employment there to earn a living. For this we are asking God to work another miracle in our behalf.

Mr. Barker being 56 years of age makes it doubly difficult to be hired. However God has been so wonderful and generous in His blessings toward us thus far in life



we feel sure that if we  
pray fervently all these  
things will be brought  
about as He so wills.

I shall enclose a Mass  
slip and asking you to offer  
up the Holy Sacrifice for  
the repose of my parents -  
Mary and Edward Moran - souls.  
I am sure they will intercede  
for our behalf.

If these intentions come to  
us now I shall try to send  
you a little more aid for  
your endeavors in carrying on  
your work.

Gratefully and sincerely in C. J.  
Margaret Barber



Bilbao 11-12-55

R. P.

Juan Luis Elauria

B.H.F.

Los Angeles

Querido tío:

Todos aquí me tienen, quiero en primer lugar felicitar al año 56 y que estas fiestas sean completas según tus pensamientos y aspiraciones espirituales. En segundo lugar quiero decir que siempre estas presentes en nosotros y que lo único que nos falta es que no escribas, aunque muchas veces hemos pensado que tu silencio sea debido a una promesa, por que si no cabe pensar en eso hacia madre y menos a nosotros que no queremos olvidar.

Maná estuvo bastante fastidiada por la tensión grande que le ha dejado en su inflamación, agónica, algo así como lo que tuvo la abuelita. Le han mandado reposo absoluto y nada de ejercicio físico. Pero apesar de mi buena voluntad para absorber su propio trabajo, somos insuficientes y ella si que bajando y esperando con nosotros. Aquas a Dios ya se encuentra bastante mejorada. Papa muy gordo pero muy feliz. Pachi trabajando en sus cosas mucho y cuando bastante, lastima que no sepa guardar. Lo estubo enferma con un cálculo en riñon pero ya pude expulsarlo y me encuentro fuerte. Deigo navio formal, marino que navega de coque en el vapor Cabo de Hornos, pertenece a una familia de sólida formación y tiene 40 años. Estoy muy enamorada y creo que pronto podremos casarnos. Hay una pega, el piso aquí está muy difícil porque casi todos los que hacen los veniden y nosotros no podemos encontrar dinero en comprarlo y los que son rentados tienen unos rentas fabulosas de 2000 y 3000 pesetas. En fin, siempre hay alguna pega de todas formas ya te anunciare nuestro proyecto para que pases por nuestra union. Sabes que el chico aquel con el que iba a casarme antes ha hecho un despilfo de millón y medio de pesetas. Parece ser que un angel bueno pide por nosotros. Por lo demas trabajando mucho. - Bueno tío Juan Luis me te digo que escribas respetando tu silencio. Cuídate mucho y ya sabes que te queremos mucho. Recibe abrazos y besos de todos con todo el cariño de tu sobrina

Maya



J. M. J.

Box 855, Lancaster, Calif.

November 23, 1955

Dear Reverend Father Aloysius -

You will find an offering enclosed, please offer another Holy Mass for the intention of Henrietta Martin at your convenience. I understand she is very happy with the nursing Sisters and will never return to the world unless her health does not allow her to remain. I have little fear for her health, Here there were no regular hours or meals - everything topsy turvy. There all is regular and routine and they have perpetual adoration in their chapel.

At this time I thought I best say something of myself. I reported to you about Easter time, <sup>last</sup> spring.

On Wednesday after Easter as I awoke in the morning I turned as usual toward the tabernacle to greet my Beloved and before me was St. Raphael. Often I have prayed he be given to me as a guide. On this morning I was to take my neighbor to visit her husband who is in the mental hospital at Camarillo. How wonderful, St. Raphael going before us to visit the sick. A seminarian was with us as far as St. John's Seminary.

The patient was found to be very peaceful and told his wife he thought he would soon be going home. Two weeks ago we were there he was found to be just the same. She visits him about every five or six weeks. I love this trip. The hour I sit in the car I pray for all there. That night at my prayers I was praying for him and saw for an instant a huge bag (it came to my mind as being a body of sin) hanging by a thread attached to his soul becoming so thin as to be almost invisible. Later on the 19th I was reading in St. Paul to the Romans Chapter 6 verse 6 and the explanation in the foot notes, and more each time I think of it do I understand how it applies to us all.



The week before Easter I promised Father Hiss I would pray very hard for him. He could find no one to help him thru Holy week. He was ill with the flu at the time and scarcely able to carry on normally. I was not aware until a week after that my condition had any connection with having asked for his fatigue that he might be able carry on thru those busy days with all those confessions, three masses and all the communions. Home from Mass Easter morning I had to sleep ~~half~~ all day and night and again nearly all day Monday. Then the following Saturday Father Hiss said he would never know how he got through for there were crowds and crowding people - his church is so tiny. He said people came in the back way and knelt all around the altar as well as at the Communion rail. Now he is having four masses. He drives down and brings a priest to help him. I pray he gets his school next year then he gets an assistant.

July 9th in my note book I wrote in detail of the following. -  
 Sometime in April it became known to me that an acquaintance was very ill, possibly cancer. They took him to Los Angeles to the hospital - it was cancer. He would not allow them to operate for he said he had felt for a long while that that was the trouble in his lungs - that there was no use to operate. They brought him home. I visited him several times. I could not understand the urge to see him - for no reason at all I had always had sort of an aversion to him. He was a weekly communicant too. I had noticed this thru a period of ten years or more. I did not know his family even by sight. None came to Church except his wife once or twice a year. Now she goes regular.

On my first visit I did not know how I would be received or even what I might say - I wondered why should I be visiting him. However, he seemed happy to see me. Before I left he had told me he realized this suffering was for the purification of his soul. He kissed



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my little crucifix - so did his wife. He sat there suffering so terrible with no complaint - could scarcely speak. I told him I would pray for him, and have Holy Masses offered for his intention. Also asked him to offer his sufferings for my intentions. He felt he was not worthy but would do his best.

The last visit I made before he was taken away to return no more living, we were alone a few minutes and I found myself kneeling beside him speaking of the beauty of a purified soul - how much it was in his favor, all those weekly confessions and Holy Communion. He insisted he had picked up habits that he had never been able to free himself of but I told him again how God was so good and knew how hard he had tried. I stood ready to go out but on impulse placed my hands on his head and asked God's blessing and begged Mary to come to him when he needed her most. To enfold him in her mantle of Love, to pray for him.

I stepped outside with his whispered words of thanks still in my ears - and have never remembered exactly what I had said to him. I felt ashamed too, who was I to speak so to him. But he was happy.

On Thursday the 30th of June a heavy weight settled on me. On the 3rd and 4th of July I was in bed most of the time only rising for Mass in the morning and to prepare meals. Throughout the afternoon of Monday the 4th sweet perfume filled the air at intervals. Towards evening I began to wonder if Henry was dying. That Mary wanted me to know my prayers had been heard. I began then to realize I had been suffering for him. That was why I was so tired - why I ached so bad. Tuesday I was worse. Late in the afternoon I was some better. In the evening I heard he had died at 9:45 P.M.

Wednesday afternoon the weariness came on again. I was restless it was 11:00 P.M. when I got into bed. I did not sleep. I was soon caught in such an embrace I really thought I could not live long like that. My crucifix was clasped in one hand my rosary in the other - I could not pray.



Am not fully released until a little past two A.M. Almost immediately was held in a more firm embrace if that were possible and Henry Barrier came to my mind and I thought for an instant I saw his face. As I began to wonder was he really in Heaven after all quite suddenly I knew he was - how I cannot explain. But he had come to thank me for my prayers. I covered my head buried my face and almost cried ~~aloud~~ aloud for joy that another soul was in Heaven. It was really sometime before I could calm myself. At least I could say to his family that he suffered so patiently, surely he was in Heaven.

I believe I'm never free from suffering. These last few weeks the pains in my hands and side are a little more frequent a little more severe. Often I know for whom I suffer. Like when I received stripes from shoulder down the length of my back for my friend and holy priest - the first God allowed me to see in vision, when I read a letter received. Then I understood why I was to pray for him - for all priests, which I do often. I understand that I am allowed to know these things to show me the value of prayer, but it does not matter if I know for whom - it may be best not.

The thorns I mentioned that were farming - these come and go. Sometimes more painful than others. I'm very happy and at peace. The crippled dog was put away about three weeks ago. It was quite a relief. Just now I'm repairing several small boxes of used clothing for my colored family of nine children who now live in Los Angeles. They are so appreciative. Once or twice a year I find something for them.

The Advent season is here and I've wondered if this is why my pains have increased. There are other happenings but I think it's not necessary <sup>to mention</sup> them.

God bless you Father and keep you well and thanks again and again for all your prayers.

Sincerely in the Heart of Mary,

Kenia Anderson,

"Mary's Slave"





J. M. F. Motherhouse

Xavier, Kansas

Reverend Father Alaypius

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed please find a Mass stipend. The Mass to be offered for all the holy souls in Purgatory.

On August 15th. I was commissioned to the Motherhouse. I am on night duty with some of the older members of the Community, and on call for any who make get sick during the night.

One of our older members is 97 or 98 years old, every morning she get up between 4:30 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. goes to Mass every day. She will have a high place in Heaven I am sure.

Kindly say a few prayers for a special intention of mine.

God bless you and your Community abundantly,  
Gratefully in the Sacred Heart.

Sister Mary Eunice.



Enclosed ~~letter~~

1 Mass In honor of The Sacred  
Heart of Jesus - For <sup>many</sup> past favors in  
Thanksgiving - Donation \$1

1 Mass in honor of The Immaculate  
Heart of Mary - Asking More devotion to her  
Heart - Donation \$1 - \$2

2 Masses for The Souls in Purgatory

1 Mass for The Conversion of Sinners.

1 Mass for My Mother's deceased Name

Mrs Mary A Dignan - \$1 donation  
This Shanty Mass for My husband's deceased. \$1 donation

1 Mass for My father's deceased - 1 donation  
His Name James Dignan -

I can't say them at your convenience  
My husband's Anniversary is on  
the 23rd of Dec. I would appreciate it  
& I'm sure he would if you remembered  
him on that date in your Memento - The  
Little Infant's Birthday was quite near  
My husband's death - My husband had  
great devotion to The Little Infant

December 3rd. 1955

Dear Father:-

Again we all meet to  
say the "Rosary" and it all makes  
me so happy when you lead us all  
to "Mary" - It is so inspiring & Benificent

I think it is about a  
year ago, around Xmas, that we met  
out at "your Little Infant's Crib, which  
was beautiful, but "The True Cross  
Relic" appealed to me - I always think  
of "Our Dear Lord's Suffering - and especially  
on Friday (Even when I was a school-girl)

Would you kindly say these  
masses for me, (If it is not asking  
too much - I shall write them on this



I am enclosing \$10 - 8 is for the  
donation of Massie - the other  
two dollars is for your dear self  
to do with as you wish -  
Thank you

Sincerely

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Thompson



Money Order \$ 3.00 (Three dollars) enclosed.

Ave Maria

December 9, 1955

Dear Father Aloysius:

Enclosed you will find a money order for \$3.00. Please offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the following:

1. Mrs. Sarah Harris (This is a Colored lady  
(A Protestant) (who has had a hard financial  
struggle, trying to raise  
her grandson (who is a good  
boy) But in spite of all her

struggles when I came back to this office (after being in Camarillo) there was an envelope on my typewriter. She had told my Supervisor that she had not been able to send me anything while I was at the hospital. But now that I was back she wanted me to have a gift BUT DID NOT WANT ME TO FEEL OBLIGATED TO HER. She had enclosed \$2.00 in the envelope. My Supervisor said she felt she had to tell me because I would be afraid to take the \$2.00 not knowing who gave it to me.

Please ask Our Blessed Mother to bless this dear, self-sacrificing lady.

2. Miss Mary Condon (Please offer Mass for her  
(Devout Irish Catholic) (special intentions. She  
(has had lots of sorrow and  
is very sad. She has been very kind to me, Father, at times loaned money to get something to eat. I'd like to remember her. She will never accept any extra money. So -- please ask Our Blessed Mother to brighten her life ..... she is so very deserving.

3. Mrs. Helen Goodin -- Father, please offer a Mass for many blessings for Helen. Regardless of how she feels about me; she was kind to me when I needed her help. I have paid her back -- but I realize that it is almost impossible to "try to reason" with Helen as she is a sick person. As you understand about this -- I beg you to please ask Our Blessed Mother to heal Helen; to give her many blessings. (It is not necessary that she know about this).



PRAYERS:

Father -- please pray for me for the following.

(1) To get settled in a home situation where I can feel free and happy. I am not happy where I am.

(2) Father -- Mr. Jacob Addison (I owe him and his sister) telephoned my attorney and wants to know when I can begin paying. Please pray that they will not make trouble for me. At the beginning of the year I hope to make some payments. Please pray that Jake will not make trouble, dear Father Aloysius: I have known his family for years, and they are a family that can be almost merciless if someone owes them.

(3) Please pray that I will not let "outside matters" upset me. I have had some good ideas about writing -- but been a little upset; so please pray that I will be able to write, dear Father Aloysius: because <sup>when successful</sup> I will be able to clear off all debts; and I will keep <sup>1</sup> my word to Our Blessed Mother Mary; I will pay my <sup>debts</sup> ~~debts~~ and then help Religious Orders, Communities and those in need. If you will ask Our Blessed Mother to help me with this <sup>3 Act</sup> play -- I had hoped to have it done; but have not been able to do so.

Always gratefully, "A Child of Mary,"

Elizabeth Rosa Adams